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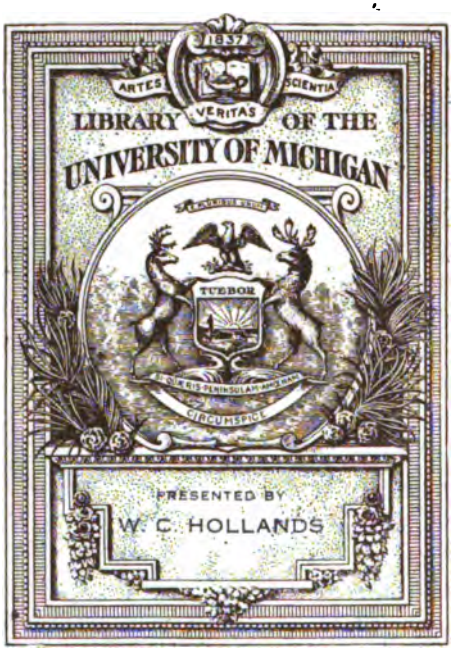
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ORDER of the EASTERN STAR

NOVEMBER 15th and 16th, 1876

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ACTION

OF

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

relative to the formation of a

GENERAL GRAND BODY.

Mississippi.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi, at its session in Tupelo, July 15, 1875, adopted the following:

WHEREAS, We deem uniformity of Ritual and lectures essential to the present and future prosperity of the Order; therefore, we respectfully recommend that a committee, consisting of seven members of this Grand Chapter, of which committee the Grand Patron and Grand Matron shall be members, shall be appointed to confer with like committees that may hereafter be appointed by other Grand Chapters of the Order in the United States, or elsewhere, whose duty it shall be to take under advisement, and present, if practicable, some feasible and judicious plan for the organization of a Supreme Grand Chapter; which said Supreme Body shall, when organized and recognized by two thirds of the Grand Chapters in the United States, have absolute and supreme control over the Ritual and lectures of the Adoptive Rite. We also recommend that said committee shall be the accredited delegates from this Grand Jurisdiction to a convention of the Order wheresoever and whensoever convened, and they shall have all power and authority to do any and all acts necessary and lawful to be done in the premises; and they shall report their doings to this Grand Chapter at each Annual Grand Convocation.

The delegates appointed were: Mrs. Annie T. Clark, G. M.; Mrs. Laura L. Burton, P. G. M.; Mrs. Mary I. Hunter, P. G. M.; Mrs. C. M. Barton, P. G. M.; J. L. Power, G. P.; A. H. Barkley, D. G. P.; P. M. Savery, G. L.

California

At its session, held in Vallejo, October 19, 1875, the Grand Chapter adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter constitute a committee of seven, of which the Worthy Grand Patron and Worthy Grand Matron shall be members, to confer with like committees that may hereafter be appointed by other Grand Chapters of the Order in the United States. It shall be their duty to take under advisement, and present, if practicable, some feasible and judicious plan for the organization of a Supreme Grand Chapter, which Supreme Body shall, when organized and recognized by two-thirds of the Grand Chapters of the Order in the United States, have absolute and supreme control over the Ritual and Lectures of the Order.

Resolved, That said committee be the accredited delegates from this Grand Jurisdiction to a convention of the Order wheresoever and whenever convened, have power to do any and all acts necessary and lawful to be done in the premises, and report their doings to this Grand Chapter at each Annual Communication.

Resolved, That the Grand Patron be requested to submit, or cause to be submitted, the action of this Grand Chapter to each and all sister Grand Chapters in the United States, and respectfully solicit their zealous co-operation.

J. E. Whitcher, B. S. Ward, H. H. Cook, Mrs. Emily Rolfe, Mrs. M. E. Gillespie, Mrs. Annie E. Douglass and Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, were appointed as such committee.

At its session, held in San Francisco, October 17, 1876, it was

Resolved, That this Grand Body cordially accept the invitation of the Grand Chapter of the State of Indiana to send seven delegates to a Supreme Grand Chapter to be holden in the city of Indianapolis in November next.

Resolved, That the retiring Grand Patron, Bro. J. E. Whitcher, the retiring Grand Matron, Sister Emily Rolfe, the Grand Patron-elect, Brother Jerome Spaulding, the Grand Matron-elect, Sister Ada A. Libbey, the Grand Secretary-elect, Abbie E. Wood, the Grand Associate Patron-elect, John C. Marsh, and the Grand Associate Matron-elect, Elizabeth Sweasey, be such delegates.

Resolved, That the delegates present at such Grand Council cast the votes of absentees.

Indiana.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana, at its session in Greencastle, April 6, 1876, took the following action:

WHEREAS, Uniformity of work, modes of recognition, and regulations governing eligibility to membership are not only desirable, but absolutely necessary to the permanent growth and prosperity of our Order, now so rapidly increasing in numbers, and advancing in the estimation of the Masonic Fraternity; and

WHEREAS, Several Grand Chapters recognizing this necessity, have appointed committees to represent and act for them in a convention to be thereafter called to organize such a body, but have failed to take any steps which will lead to the calling of such a convention, and this Grand Chapter, realizing the importance of speedy and definite action which will lead to so desirable an end; therefore, be it

Resolved, That all Grand Chapters of the Order be invited and requested to appoint seven delegates, of which the Grand Patron and Grand Matron shall be, *ex-officio,* two, with full power to do any and all acts necessary to be done in the premises for and in behalf of their respective Grand Chapters, to meet in convention, for the purpose of organizing a Supreme Chapter, at Indianapolis, at 10 o'clock on Wednesday, the eighth day of November next.

Resolved, That the Grand Patron appoint a committee of three brothers and two sisters to act in conjunction with the Grand Patron and Grand Matron, as delegates from this Grand Chapter to such convention.

Resolved, That the said delegates be appointed the committee of this Grand Chapter to submit a copy of the foregoing preambles and resolutions to all sister Grand Chapters, and request their prompt and zealous co-operation.

Resolved, That said committee be instructed to make all preliminary arrangements necessary for the accommodation of said convention.

Resolved, That the necessary expenses of the said committtee, not to exceed one hundred dollars, be paid out of the Grand Treasury: *Provided,* no part thereof shall be expended for mileage.

Mrs. Mary A. Comstock, Grand Matron, Mrs. Sallie J. Evans, Mrs. Mary E. M. Price, James S. Nutt, Grand Patron, James A. Thompson, Past Grand Patron, James Crooks and Willis D. Engle, were appointed as delegates.

Missouri.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri, at its session in St. Louis, October 9, 1876:

Resolved, To accept the invitation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, and to appoint a committee of seven to represent this Grand Chapter in the proposed meeting, at Indianapolis, November 16th.

Rev. Dr. John D. Vincil, Mary J. Wash, Mattie A. Yost, Frances F. Holden, Thomas C. Ready, P. D. Yost and John R. Parsons were appointed as such committee.

New Jersey.

The Grand Chapter, on October 13, 1875:

Resolved, That five delegates be selected to represent this Grand Chapter at any meeting or convention that may be called for the purpose of organizing a Supreme Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

At its session October 11, 1876, the resolutions of the Grand Chapter of Indiana were received, the invitation accepted, and the following delegates were elected:

John M. Mayhew, Grand Patron, Mrs. E. D. Tilden, Grand Matron, George Haskins, W. V. W. Vreeland, Mrs. Anna M. Mayhew, Past Grand Matron, Mrs. E. A. Graul and Mrs. M. C. Dobbs.

Illinois.

The Grand Chapter, at its session October 4, 1876, accepted the invitation of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, and elected Daniel G. Burr, Past Grand Patron, H. R. Kent, Grand Patron, Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Past Grand Matron, and Mrs. Laura N. Young, Grand Matron, as delegates.

Arkansas.

The Grand Chapter, November 8, 1876, decided that it was inexpedient for it to send delegates to the Convention, but that it would co-operate in the movement.

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INDIANAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 8, 1876.

This being the day appointed, at 10 o'clock A. M., but one Grand Jurisdiction being represented, an adjournment was had until 10 o'clock A. M., on November 15, in accordance with a circular issued by the delegates from Indiana, dated July 28, 1876.

MORNING SESSION.

INDIANAPOLIS, NOVEMBER 15, 1876.

In accordance with the call of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Indiana, delegates from several Grand Chapters assembled in Masonic Temple, at 10 o'clock A. M., to consider the propriety of forming a General Grand Body.

Brother James S. Nutt, Grand Patron of Indiana, called the Convention to order, and, on motion, the same was organized by the election of Brother John M. Mayhew, Grand Patron of New Jersey, President; Sister Mattie A. Yost, Grand Matron of Missouri, Vice President; Brother John R. Parsons, of Missouri, Secretary; and Rev. Brother John D. Vincil, D. D., Grand Patron of Missouri, Chaplain.

After prayer by the Chaplain, the Convention was declared duly organized, and ready for business.

On motion of Brother James S. Nutt, a Committee on Credentials was appointed, consisting of Sisters Mary A. Comstock, Mattie A. Yost, and Brother Jeremiah E. Whitcher.

A recess of fifteen minutes was then taken, after which the Convention was called to order, and the Committee on Credentials submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report the following named persons as regularly appointed delegates to this Convention, present, and entitled to seats in this Convention:

New Jersey—Brothers John M. Mayhew and W. V. W. Vreeland.
Illinois—Sister Elizabeth Butler, Past Grand Matron.
Indiana—Sisters Mary A. Comstock, Grand Matron, and Mary E. M. Price, Brothers James S. Nutt, Grand Patron, Jas. A. Thompson, Past Grand Patron, and Willis D. Engle.
Missouri—Sisters Mattie A. Yost, Grand Matron, Mary J. Wash, and Addie M. Fox, Brothers John D. Vincil, D. D., Grand Patron, and John R. Parsons.
California—Jeremiah E. Whitcher, Past Grand Patron.

Respectfully submitted,

M. A. Comstock,
M. A. Yost,
J. E. Whitcher,
Committee.

Brother Willis D. Engle moved that Brother John J. Sproull, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New York, be admitted to a seat and a voice in this Convention.

Brother James S. Nutt moved to amend Brother Engle's motion so that all members of the Order be entitled to seats and to speak in the Convention, which was adopted.

The motion, as amended, was then adopted.

Rev. Brother John D. Vincil moved that we now proceed with the preliminary steps looking to the formation of a General Grand Chapter, which was adopted.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, it was

Resolved, That a committee of one from each Grand Jurisdiction represented in this Convention be appointed to report a form of constitution for the government of the General Grand Chapter.

Brothers Willis D. Engle, J. E. Whitcher, Rev. J. D. Vincil, D. D., W. V. W. Vreeland and Sister Elizabeth Butler were appointed such committee.

Sister Mary A. Comstock, Grand Matron of Indiana, delivered an address of welcome to the delegates.

Brother Willis D. Engle, in behalf of Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, announced that the members thereof desired the privilege of entertaining the delegates while in the city.

The Convention then, on motion, adjourned until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, November 15, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention was called to order, the President in the chair.

The Committee on Constitution presented a partial report, which was read section by section, discussed, amended and adopted.

At six o'clock, on motion, the further consideration of the report of the Committee on Constitution was postponed until nine o'clock to-morrow morning, and the Convention, on motion, adjourned until that hour.

MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, November 16, 9 o'clock A. M.

The Convention was called to order, the President in the chair.

The Committee on Constitution completed their report, which was read section by section, discussed, amended and adopted.

At twelve o'clock the Convention, on motion, adjourned until two o'clock P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, November 16, 2 o'clock P. M.

The Convention re-assembled, the President in the chair.

On motion of Brother James S. Nutt it was resolved that we do now proceed to organize a General Grand Chapter, and John M. Mayhew was elected temporary Most Worthy Grand Patron, with power to appoint other officers.

On motion of Brother James S. Nutt, the Convention adjourned *sine die.*

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

MASONIC TEMPLE, INDIANAPOLIS, IND.
November 16, 1876, 2½ o'clock P. M.

Brother John M. Mayhew, Most Worthy Grand Patron, *pro tem.*, called the delegates to order, and appointed the following General Grand Officers, *pro tem*:

Mattie A Yost.....Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Mary A Comstock.....Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
John R. Parsons.....Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Elizabeth Butler.....Worthy Grand Conductress.
Addie M. Fox.....Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.
James S. Nutt.....Worthy Grand Marshal.
William M. Black.....Worthy Grand Sentinel.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron, *pro tem.*, declared the General Grand Chapter duly open.

Brother Willis D. Engle submitted a form of Constitution and Rules of Order, which had been previously adopted by the Convention, which, on motion, was adopted. (See Appendix).

On motion, the General Grand Chapter proceeded to the election of officers, Rev. Brother John D. Vincil, Brother W. V. W. Vreeland, and Sister Mary J. Wash acting as tellers.

Upon report of the tellers, the following officers were declared to be duly elected:

Rev. John D. Vincil, D. D...Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. Elizabeth Butler.....Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Jeremiah E. Whitcher.....Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary A. Comstock.....Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
John M. Mayhew.....Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Willis D. Engle.....Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

The appointment of the following officers was announced by the Most Worthy Grand Matron:

Mrs. Henrietta Whitcher.....Worthy Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Mary J. Wash.....Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Mary E. M. Price.....Worthy Grand Adah.
Mrs. Laura N. Young.....Worthy Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Anna M. Mayhew.....Worthy Grand Esther.
Mrs. Mattie A. Yost.....Worthy Grand Martha.
Mrs. Emily Rolfe.....Worthy Grand Electa.
Mrs. M. J. Vreeland.....Worthy Grand Warder.

By the Most Worthy Grand Patron:

Rev. N. F. Ravelin.....Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.
W. V. W. Vreeland.....Worthy Grand Marshal.
William M. Black.....Worthy Grand Sentinel.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, it was decided to have a public installation of officers this evening.

On motion of Brother J. E. Whitcher, the Rules of Order were suspended until the next stated meeting.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, the Most Worthy Grand Patron elect was requested to appoint a committee of seven members to prepare a Ritual, and report the same at the meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle each Grand Chapter was requested to advance to this General Grand Chapter two-and-one-half cents for each member of its subordinates, the same to be applied on their General Grand Chapter dues.

On motion of Brother John R. Parsons, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was directed to have five hundred copies of the proceedings printed.

On motion of Brother James S. Nutt, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was authorized to distribute the printed copies of the proceedings as he may deem expedient.

On motion of Brother John R. Parsons, the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was authorized to procure a seal for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

On motion of Brother J. E. Witcher, Brother John J. Sproull was elected an honorary member of the General Grand Chapter.

Brother Sproull, in a graceful manner, returned his thanks for the honor conferred.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, the proposed Rules and Regulations for the government of Chapters subordinate to the Grand Chapter of Indiana were adopted, with the necessary verbal changes, for the government of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

On motion of Brother W. V. W. Vreeland, it was

Resolved, That the first stated meeting of this General Grand Chapter be held in Chicago, on the third Wednesday in September, 1877, at ten o'clock A. M.

On motion of Brother John R. Parsons, the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and Right Worthy Grand Secretary were authorized to procure such books and stationery as may be necessary for their offices.

The General Grand Chapter then adjourned until seven o'clock this evening.

EVENING SESSION.

THURSDAY EVENING, November 16, 1876, 7 o'clock.

The General Grand Chapter was called to order by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, *pro tem.*

On motion of Brother John J. Sproull, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the delegates and members of this Grand Body be tendered to the Worthy Matron, officers and members of Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, of Indianapolis, for the many kindnesses and attentions extended to them while in the city.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron announced the appointment of Brother John M. Mayhew, Willis D. Engle, Thomas C. Ready, J. E. Whitcher, and Sisters Elizabeth Butler, Mary A. Comstock, and Mattie A. Yost, as a committee to prepare a Ritual.

On motion of Brother James S. Nutt, it was ordered that the action of the several Grand Chapters in relation to the formation of a General Grand Body, be published with the proceedings of this body.

On motion of Brother James S. Nutt, the several Grand Chapters were recommended to continue the use of the Rituals they now have until another has been adopted by this General Grand Chapter.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle it was

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Patron be authorized to issue dispensations to all subordinate Chapters holding charters purporting to emanate from a Supreme Grand Chapter, without expense, upon proper application from said Chapters.

The minutes were then read and approved.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron, elect, was then installed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, *pro tem.,* Brother John J. Sproull acting as Worthy Grand Marshall.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then installed the remaining officers, except Very Worthy Grand Chaplain, Worthy Grand Conductress and Worthy Grand Ruth, Esther and Electa.

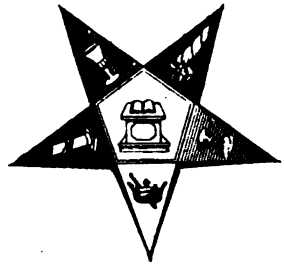
After brief addresses by distinguished sisters and brethren present, the General Grand Chapter adjourned.

JOHN D. VINCIL,
M. W. GRAND PATRON.

ATTEST:

Willis D. Engle

R. W. Grand Secretary.



CONSTITUTION

OF THE

General Grand Chapter

OF THE

Order of the Eastern Star

ADOPTED NOVEMBER 16, 1876.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officeres of the General Grand Chapter shall be—

Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Patrons, Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, or their legally appointed proxies, and all Past Grand Patrons and Past Grand Matrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his office and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it, is reserved to the Grand Chapters, subordinate Chapters, and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain jurisdiction over all Chapters established by itself in any section of any country where there is no Grand Chapter established, and have disciplinary power over such Chapters until a Grand Chapter shall be legally organized and recognized by this General Grand Chapter, and no longer.

SEC. 3. It shall have power to decide all questions of Eastern Star law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any subordinate Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction; and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, and its decision so made shall be regarded as of the Supreme tribunal of the Eastern Star in the last resort.

SEC. 4. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 5. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work, and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 6. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter, must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

OF STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet at least once in three years, but may meet oftener if it so orders, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meeting.

OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days' notice thereof.

OF A QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE V.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

SEC. 2. A majority of all of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are brethren, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all who are sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the offices of Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or Most Worthy Grand Matron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

OF VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Matron present, shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Patron, the Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Patron, and the Associate Grand Matron, or their proxies, one vote each.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a brother and a sister, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the brethren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each dispensation and charter to form a new Chapter, where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter may levy such contributions as in its judgment shall be required, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed five cents per annum for each paying member.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall each present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 3, The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to grant dispensations to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 4. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Patron may exercise all its executive powers.

SEC. 5. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Associate Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.

It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter; and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy, by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of Most Worthy Grand Patron or Most Worthy Grand Matron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all of the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter, and at the end of the term of his office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary,

First—To record all the transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his attestation to all instruments emanating from that body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof, in proper books, and pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report; also, of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Very Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any state, country, district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representatives of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction; nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF ANNUAL REPORTS,

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first next preceding. These reports shall include the names and postoffice address of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled, and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinates under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is no Grand Chapter, upon proper application: *Provided,* no new

Chapter shall be formed in any town where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter, the following standing committees, of not less than three members each, the first named to be chairman:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finances and Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Dispensations and Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties to-wit:

ON CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Grand Chapter represented.

ON FINANCE AND WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means to examine the books and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take into consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measures which, in their opinon, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth,—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

ON DISPENSATIONS AND CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Dispensations and Charters shall examine the returns of Grand Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and their By-Laws when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Chapters under dispensation, and the proceedings of the General Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII.

OF AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there are a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the General Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.*, and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

II. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

III. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
2. Appointment of Standing Committees.
3. Annual address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
4. Annual address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron
5. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
7. Report of Standing Committees.
8. Report of Special Committees.
9. Election of Grand Officers.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Installation of Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed theron, and presented to

the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, without permission of the presiding officer, or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. Any member may call for a division of a question, if divisible, and three may demand a vote by yeas and nays.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off, and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action. And in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-thirds vote.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

for the government of

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

under the immediate jurisdiction of the

General Grand Chapter.

The following are the General Rules for the government of Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter:

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every subordinate Chapter, not under the jursdiction of any Grand Chapter, must have a charter from this General Grand Chapter, or a dispensation from the Most Worthy Grand Patron, attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal or regular without such charter or dispensation, and all communications, public or private, by Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, or the members thereof, with such illegal Chapters formed, opened or holden, or with any members of such illegal Chapter, is hereby interdicted and forbidden.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The elective officers of a Chapter shall consist of Patron, Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, and Associate Conductress, and shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the stated meeting next preceding the 27th day of December, anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The appointed officers shall consist of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Warder, and Sentinel, to which may be added Chaplain and Organist, who shall be appointed by the Matron elect. All the above named officers must be installed at or before the next stated meeting.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 3. Vacancies in the elective offices, except Patron, Matron and Associate Matron, may be filled by ballot at a stated meeting, the members having been summoned for that purpose. Vacancies in any appointive office may be filled by the Matron at any stated meeting. Vacancies in the first three offices can only be filled by dispensation of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the members being summoned for that purpose.

TO OPEN A CHAPTER.

SEC. 4. The presence of the dispensation or charter, one of the first three officers, and six other members, are indispensable to open a Chapter for the transaction of business.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 5. No person shall be admitted as a member of a Chapter within this jurisdiction, by initiation or affiliation, but affiliated Master Masons, their mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and widows. Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age. No person shall be a member of more than one Chapter: *Provided*, that any Chapter may elect to

honorary membership therein any affiliated member of another Chapter; nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from a chapter until all dues and indebtedness are paid or remitted.

FEES AND DUES.

SEC. 6. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than one dollar, nor charge each member less than one dollar as annual dues.

PETITIONS.

SEC. 7. All petitions for initiation or membership shall be in writing, signed by at least two members of the Chapter, which petitions shall be presented at a regular meeting, be referred to a committee for investigation, and lay over until the next regular meeting, unless, by unanimous consent of the members present, it shall be declared a case of emergency, when action may be taken thereon immediately.

INVESTIGATING COMMITEE.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and, if a lady, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report thereon in writing, and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. A petition may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter, at the written request of the petitioner, at any time before balloting.

THE BALLOT.

SEC. 9. A separate ballot must be taken on every petition for membership or the degrees, which must be inviolably secret, without debate, and no inquiries permitted or statements made, as to the character of any one's vote. One or more negative votes rejects the applicant. In case but one negative vote

appears, the Matron shall order a second ballot, which shall be final. Every member present must vote, unless excused by the Chapter.

REJECTED APPLICANTS.

SEC. 10. After an applicant for initiation or membership shall have been rejected, the petition may be renewed at the next stated meeting, but shall not be made a case of emergency. No rejected applicant shall be initiated by any other Chapter, within three months after such rejection, without the consent of the rejecting Chapter.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 11. Every Chapter has the inherent right to make its own By-Laws: *Provided,* they do not conflict with the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 12. The Patron shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter, advise with and assist the other officers, preside during the conferring of the degrees, and whenever invited to do so by the Matron.

SEC. 13. The Matron shall preside at the meetings of the Chapter, except when the degrees are being conferred; see that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced; appoint all committees, and see that the officers faithfully perform all their duties. She may call upon the Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 14. The Associate Matron shall perform the duties appertaining to her office, and, in the absence of the Matron, assume her powers, duties and prerogatives.

SEC. 15. The remaining officers shall perform the duties indicated by their several titles and stations, be subject to the order of the Chapter and to their superior officers.

SEAL.

SEC. 16. Every Chapter shall, within one year from the date of its charter, procure a seal, with the name, number and location of the Chapter, and such other device as it may deem proper, engraved thereon, and no document emanating from such Chapter shall be deemed authentic without the seal affixed.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 17. The jurisdiction of Chapters for all purposes shall extend to a point, geographically half-way between them; *Provided,* that in towns and cities where two or more Chapters shall be organized, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction, and it shall be the duty of each and every Chapter to take cognizance of the conduct of every member of the Order within its jurisdiction, whether affiliated or not, for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the laws of the Order and maintaining its good name.

OFFENSES AND PENALTIES.

SEC. 18. Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, or a violation of the laws of the State, or of the United States, is an offense against the principles of this Order, and must be promptly dealt with.

SEC. 19. Any member of the Order who disobeys the order of the presiding officer, or in any manner disturbs the harmony of the Chapter, must be held to a strict account therefor, and upon a repetition of the offense, suspended for a definite time from the privileges of the Order.

SEC. 20. Any member of a Chapter who fails to pay dues is subject to charges, and, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order.

SEC. 21. The only penalties recognized are four:

1. Reprimand.
2. Suspension for a definite time.
3. Suspension indefinitely.
4. Expulsion.

TRIALS.

SEC. 22. No member can be reprimanded, suspended or expelled, for any cause whatever, except upon written charges and specifications, and ten days' notice of the time and place of trial.

SEC. 23. Any affiliated member has the right to prefer charges, but in no case can this right be extended to one who is not affiliated.

SEC. 24. Complaints against a Patron or Matron for official misconduct must be made to the Most Worthy Grand Patron or the General Grand Chapter while in session.

SEC. 25. Charges against a Patron or Matron for any offense not growing out of the discharge of his or her official duties must be made to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and if approved by him he will fix a time for trial, and notify the Chapter with a copy of the charge and specifications, and instruct the Secretary of the Chapter to serve a copy upon the accused.

SEC. 26. In all things relating to the trial of a Patron or Matron by his or her Chapter, except as otherwise specified in these Rules, the same proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members.

SEC. 27. All charges must be made in writing, signed by the party making them, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the accusation, and the time and place of its commission, including the names of witnesses. It shall be presented at a stated meeting, read in open Chapter, and spread upon the record. The presiding officer shall then set a time for trial, and order the Secretary to serve upon the accused a true copy of the charges, and notify him or her of the time set for trial.

SEC. 28. The Secretary may serve the notice either in person or by mail, but when sent by mail twenty days shall be allowed for the accused to receive it, in addition to the ten days.

SEC. 29. The attendance of witnesses on either side, when they are members of the Order, may be enforced by summons, which may be issued by the Secretary, when ordered by the Matron or the Chapter.

SEC. 30. At the time set for trial, if the accused fail to appear in person or by counsel, or has absconded before notice is served, the presiding officer may continue the case to some future time, or appoint a competent member to appear for the accused, and hear and decide upon the case as though the accused were present.

SEC. 31. Should the accused appear and plead guilty to the charge and specification, no further evidence is necessary, and the Chapter shall at once proceed to affix the penalty.

SEC. 32. Any affiliated member of the Order may act as counsel for the accused or the Chapter.

SEC. 33. All charges must be heard and decided by the Chapter; in no case can this be left to a committee.

SEC. 34. The accused, when on trial, can not be allowed to vote on any question growing out of his or her case.

SEC. 35. After the evidence shall have been presented, and the prosecution and defendant, by themselves or counsel, have had an opportunity of being heard, the defendant shall retire, and the Chapter shall proceed to decide, by taking a separate ballot upon each charge and specification: first, whether the accused is guilty or not guilty as charged, and if found guilty by a majority of the votes cast, then to fix the penalty, commencing with the highest grade, and so on down, until some penalty is determined.

SEC. 36. Should definite suspension be decided upon, the time must be fixed upon motion, but the longest time must be voted upon first.

SEC. 37. Should the Chapter refuse by a majority vote to inflict any penalty after having voted on each grade, the Secretary shall, within three days, certify the fact to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, who may arrest the charter of the Chapter.

RULES OF EVIDENCE.

SEC. 38. The rules of evidence shall be, so far as applicable, the same as in courts of law, except that no oath or affirmation shall be required of witnesses.

SEC. 39. When a witness is a non-resident, and can not attend in person before the Chapter, his or her evidence may be taken before a Patron or Matron, certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the witness may reside, both the accused and the accuser having due notice of the time and place of taking the testimony.

SEC. 40. The accused shall be a competent witness, but shall not be required by the Chapter to give evidence unless he or she shall offer to testify.

SEC. 41. The evidence of members of the Order who may not be able to attend the trial, and of the persons not members of the Order, shall be taken in writing by a committee appointed by the presiding officer, of which both parties, if possible, shall have notice.

SEC. 42. At the time and place appointed the committee shall proceed to take the evidence of such witnesses, and, after reading to each his or her evidence in the case, request him or her to sign the same. The evidence thus taken shall be read before the Chapter at the time of trial,

SEC. 43. All the evidence given must be reduced to writing and preserved by the Secretary.

SEC. 44. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of any testimony offered, and all points of law and order which may be raised.

EFFECT OF AND WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SEC. 45. The suspension of a member precludes, for the time being, all privileges and benefits of the Order whatever.

SEC. 46. A sentence of suspension or expulsion will be in force from and after the passage thereof, until reversed by the Chapter or the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 47. Any one refusing to submit to the penalty of reprimand is subject to discipline, and, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 48. The expiration of the time for which a member stands suspended restores him or her to all the rights and privileges which he or she possessed before the trial.

SEC. 49. The payments of dues, for non-payment of which a member was suspended, restores him or her to full membership; but to restore to that condition a member who has been suspended or expelled for any other cause shall require a majority vote upon a petition for restoration, received at a previous stated meeting, which must have been referred to, and reported upon, by a committee of investigation.

SEC. 50. A Chapter may remit the dues of a member, for non-payment of which he or she was suspended, and thereby restore him or her to membership.

SEC. 51. Any member who has been expelled or indefinitely suspended may be restored to membership by the Chapter pronouncing the sentence, or, if said Chapter has ceased to exist, then by the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he or she resides.

NEW TRIALS.

SEC. 53. A new trial may be granted by the Chapter that tried the cause, when a member has been suspended or expelled, in the following cases, and upon the following conditions:

1. Upon newly discovered evidence, which would indicate, with reasonable certainty, a change in the finding of the Chapter.

2. Where the finding of a Chapter is contrary to the evidence, and law, and usage, or the penalty excessive.

SEC. 54. Application for a new trial must be made in writing, and contain a statement of the causes upon which the application is founded, be presented within ninety days after the trial was had, or within ninety days after the accused is informed of the action of the Chapter.

SEC. 55. Application for a new trial shall be addressed to the Chapter, and in all cases where a new trial is granted, the same rules shall govern as in the first instance.

APPEALS.

SEC. 56. Any member feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter or the presiding officer, may appeal to the General Grand Chapter within one year from the date of such decision, by filing his prayer therefor in writing with the Secretary of the Chapter, stating therein the error or decision appealed from, when it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make out a full, true and complete copy of all the proceedings had, and evidence taken in the case, and certify the same, together with a copy of the appeal to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, within sixty days after said application is made.

SEC. 57. The Most Worthy Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter, on receipt of the transcript and appeal, shall proceed to examine the same upon the papers and evidence so transmitted, and, without additional testimony, shall decide the cause by confirming the judgment already rendered, or remanding the cause for a new trial, with instructions how to proceed; *Provided,* that an appeal will lie from the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the General Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 58. These Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed at any stated meeting, by the amendement being proposed in writing, referred to, and reported upon, by the Committee on Jurisprudence and then concurred in by a majority of the members present.

The First Stated Meeting of the General Grand Chapter will be held in Chicago, Ills., at 10 o'clock A. M., on the third Wednesday in September, 1877.

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

General Grand Officers.

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W. V. W. Vreeland, Newark, N. J., Worthy Grand Marshal.

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FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CHICAGO, WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1878.

Sister Elizabeth Butler, M. W. Grand Matron, called the General Grand Chapter to order at 10 o'clock A. M., and opened the same in ample form, the following officers being in their respective stations:

T. M. LAMB, M. W. Grand Patron, *pro tem.*
MRS. ELIZABETH BUTLER, M. W. Grand Matron.
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MRS. ANNA M. MAYHEW, W. Grand Esther.
MRS. R. T. FLOURNEY, W. Grand Martha, *pro tem.*
MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD, W. Grand Electa, *pro tem.*
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, W. Grand Warder, *pro tem.*
WM. M. BLACK, W. Grand Sentinel.
JOHN J. SPROULL, W. Grand Marshal, *pro tem.*

There was also present a large number of members. Among the visitors present were Sister Eleanor Burton, P. G. M., of New York; Sister Addie C. S. Bario, G. M., of Connecticut; Brother George Ackerman, Past Grand Secretary, of New York; Sister M. Hogin, of Iowa; Sister Berry, of Kansas, and a large number of members of Chapters in Illinois and elsewhere.

The M. W. Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

On Credentials—Elmira Foley, Anna M. Mayhew, Willis D. Engle.

On Finance and Ways and Means—Willis Brown, Anna M. Mayhew, Mary J. Wash.

On Unfinished Business—Mary A. Hepler, Nettie Ransford, Lorraine J. Pitkin.

On Jurisprudence—S. A. McWilliams, Mary A. Comstock, Nellie S. Corey.

On Appeals and Grievances—N. F. Ravelin, Nettie Ransford, John M. Mayhew.

On Dispensations and Charters—Thomas M. Lamb, Elmira Foley, M. A. Oldman.

The address of the M. W. Grand Patron was then read by the R. W. Grand Secretary. (See Appendix.)

The M. W. Grand Matron then read her address. (See Appendix.)

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following

REPORT.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star:

The necessary absence of our Reverend and Most Worthy Grand Patron renders necessary, on my part, a more elaborate report than

it had been my intention to make, and the late date at which I received notice of his inability to be present with us, must serve as an excuse for, if it does not justify, any omissions I may make.

CIRCULAR LETTERS.

On March 1, 1877, the principal officers issued a circular letter, which was sent to all Chapters whose addresses could be procured, setting forth the basis on which this Body was organized, the advantages to be derived from it, and soliciting their co-operation.

On August 10, 1877, at the urgent solicitation of Brother Jeremiah E. Whitcher, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, who represented that the Grand Chapter of California could not be represented at the session of this Body if the same was held, as proposed, on September 19, 1877, but that it could be, if the session was postponed, and also owing to the fact that the Committee on Ritual were unable to prepare a full report in time for a meeting in September, the principal officers, after consultations, issued a circular letter postponing the meeting until the second Wednesday in May, 1878.

On April 8, 1878, a circular letter was issued by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and sent to every officer and member of this Body, and to all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons, and Past Grand Patrons, whose addresses could be obtained, notifying them of this meeting, and inviting their attendance.

DEGREE COMMUNICATED.

On July 6, 1877, as special deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron, I conferred the degrees upon Mrs. F. B. Lippincott, of Portland, Oregon.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

The receipts and disbursements have been as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Dues from Grand Chapter of Indiana	$28 77	
Dues from Grand Chapter of New Jersey	8 35	
Dues from Grand Chapter of Missouri	50 00	
Dues from Grand Chapter of California	31 40	
Dues from Grand Chapter of Illinois	29 91	
Dispensation for Charity Chapter, Marble Rock, Iowa	20 00	
Dispensation for Friendship Chapter, Dallas, Texas	20 00	
Dispensation for Home Chapter, Des Moines, Iowa	20 00	
Dispensation for Excelsior Chapter, Charles City, Iowa	20 00	
Dispensation for Gem Chapter, Shell Rock, Iowa	20 00	
Degrees—Mrs. F. B. Lippincott	1 00	
Total paid to R. W. Grand Treasurer		$249 43

DISBURSEMENTS.

Warrant No. 1	$70 39	
Warrant No. 2	76 35	
Total disbursements		$146 74
Leaving balance in hands of R. W. Gr. Treas.		102 69

ITEMS.

The items of expense covered by these two Warrants, are as follows:

Printing 500 copies of Proceedings	$58 64
Letter heads for Grand Officers	6 00
Blank Ledger for R. W. Grand Secretary	1 00
Seal	12 00
Electrotypes	2 25
One thousand Envelopes, printed for R. W. Grand Secretary	3 50
Five hundred Circulars, March 1, 1877	6 00
Two hundred Blank Petitions for Dispensations	5 00
Two hundred Blank Dispensations	6 00
One box Gold Seals	75
One hundred Blank Appointments of Special Deputies	3 50
One hundred Circulars for Texas	3 00
One hundred Circulars, August 10, 1877	3 00
One hundred Circulars, April 8, 1878	1 50
Postage on Proceedings, Circulars, Letters, etc	25 25
Rituals and Expressage for new Chapters	9 35
Total	$146 74

SPECIAL DEPUTIES.

Of the M. W. Grand Patron have been appointed as follows:

Brother Loron Mitchel, of Dallas, for the State of Texas;

Brother Leonard Lewis, of Minneapolis, for the State of Minnesota;

Brother G. W. Nash and Sister Jennie E. Mathews, of Rockford, for the State of Iowa.

DISPENSATIONS

Have been granted for the organization of Chapters, as follows:

May 9, 1877, Ruth Chapter, Iowa City, Johnson county, Iowa. John N. Coldren, Patron; Phila B. Coldren, Matron; Marion Van Patton, A. M. "S. G. C." charter dated November 21, 1871, surrendered. Organized by J. Norwood Clark, special deputy, May 16, 1877.

May 14, 1877, Charity Chapter, Marble Rock, Floyd county, Iowa. Geo. H. Nichols, Patron; M. Hogin, Matron; E. A. Rosenkrans, A. M. Organized by J. A. Carson, special deputy.

June 22, 1877, Friendship Chapter, Dallas, Dallas county, Texas. Henry Boll, Patron; Jane Austin, Matron; Anna Pearson, A. M. Organized by Loron Mitchel, Deputy for Texas, July 24, 1877.

July 21, 1877, Acacia Chapter, Rockford, Kent county, Michigan; Thomas Addison, Jr., Patron; Eliza J. Burch, Matron; Elizabeth Myers, A. M. "S. G. C." charter dated March 30, 1870, surrendered.

September 7, 1877, Unity Chapter, Sand Lake, Kent county, Michigan. S. M. Barret, Patron; H. A. Whitney, Matron; E. C. Giddings, A. M. "S. G. C." charter dated March 30, 1876, surrendered.

March 9, 1878, Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, Pottowottamie county, Iowa. E. H. Wing, Patron; E. A. Brewster, Matron; M. A. Tuber, A. M. "S. G. C." charter dated August 26, 1873, surrendered.

April 29, 1878, Home Chapter, Des Moines, Polk county, Iowa. W. F. Conrad, Patron; Hannah W. Brunton, Matron; Hannah A. Gulick, A .M. Wm. Brunton appointed special deputy to organize the Chapter.

May 8, 1878, Fidelity Chapter, Rockford, Floyd county, Iowa. G. W. Nash, Patron; Jennie E. Mathews, Matron. "S. G. C." charter dated December 30, 1873, surrendered.

May 8, 1878, Excelsior Chapter, Charles City, Floyd county, Iowa. E. B. Dyke, Patron; E. J. Williams, Matron; Mrs. Minar, A. M.

May 8, 1878, Gem Chapter, Shell Rock, Butler county, Iowa. John S. Auner, Patron; Hellen M. Auner, Matron; E. E. Savage, A. M.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The duties of my office have required the sending of seven hundred circulars, and the writing of upward of five hundred letters. This extensive correspondence, reaching nearly every State in the Union, and every Grand Chapter, has enabled me to obtain a pretty correct idea of the opinions of the entire Order, and I am thoroughly convinced that this Body will, very soon, receive the hearty co-operation of every Grand Chapter. It is not to be expected, and was not by those who labored early in the movement for its organization, that it would at once command it; and the success that it has already met with has been a surprise to its warmest and most hopeful friends.

Our sisters and brothers here to-day from New York and Connecticut, although they come not in a representative capacity, have attested their sympathy with us, and will doubtless be able to give us information as to the prospects of their respective jurisdiction, and

will also be able, when they meet their Grand Chapters, to inform them of the real spirit and objects of this General Grand Chapter.

Cordially submitted,

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

CHICAGO, May 8, 1878.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted the following report:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

The R. W. Grand Treasurer respectfully reports as follows:

Received from R. W. Grand Secretary	$249 43
Warrants paid	146 74
Balance in hands of R. W. Grand Treasurer	$102 69

JOHN M. MAYHEW,
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Brother Henry G. Thayer, the above reports were referred to the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means.

The M. W. Grand Matron then called the General Grand Chapter to refreshment until two o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1878.

The M. W. Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter to order at 2 o'clock P. M.

The Committee on Credentials submitted the following report:

Your committee on Credentials beg leave to report that the following persons are entitled to seats in this Body:

ILLINOIS—Lorraine J. Pitkin, proxy for G. M.
S. A. McWilliams, A. G. P.

INDIANA—Nettie Ransford, proxy for G. P.
Mary E. M. Price, G. M.
Henry G. Thayer, A. G. P.
Jennie B. Phelps, A. G. M.

KANSAS—Willis Brown, proxy for G. P.
Mary A. Hepler, G. M.

MASSACHUSETTS—Thomas M. Lamb, proxy for Grand Officers.

MICHIGAN—Nellie S. Corey, proxy for G. P.
Mary A. Oldman, proxy for G. V. P.

MISSOURI—Elmira Foley, G. M.

NEW JERSEY—John M. Mayhew, proxy for Grand Officers.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

John Leach, P. G. P. of Indiana.
D. B. Purinton, P. G. V. P. of Michigan.

ELMIRA FOLEY,
ANNA M. MAYHEW,
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
Committee.

On motion of Brother H. G. Thayer, the report was concurred in.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, the following document was ordered spread upon the minutes:

CHICAGO, May 8, 1878.

Under and by virtue of a resolution adopted by the Grand Chapter of the State of Kansas, appointing the W. Grand Matron and W. Grand Patron as delegates to attend the communication of the General Grand Chapter at Chicago, on May 8, 1878, with discretionary power to act as in their judgment should be best for the Grand Chapter of Kansas, the Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary A. Hepler, and Bro. Willis Brown, proxy for W. G. Patron, hereby tender their allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, and respectfully request admission as delegates in fact.

MARY A. HEPLER,
W. Grand Matron.
WILLIS BROWN,
Proxy for W. Gr. Patron.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read a communication from Brother R. C. Gaskill, G. W. P., of California, expressing his regret that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter of California was such as to render it impossible for it to make the necessary appropriation to pay the expenses of a delegate to attend the session of the General Grand Chapter, and assuring the members thereof that they have the approval and best wishes of the members of the Order in that State, and announcing his sincere belief in the benefits that are likely to result from intelligent and well-digested work on the part of the General Grand Chapter, which was ordered noted on the minutes.

On motion of Brother John M. Mayhew, the addresses of the M. W. Grand Patron and M. W. Grand Matron were referred to a special committee of three.

The M. W. Grand Matron announced the appointment of Brother Thomas M. Lamb, Sister Mary A. Comstock and Mary A. Hepler, as such committee.

Brother Willis D. Engle submitted several amendments to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations, which were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Unfinished Business reported:

We find that a committee of seven was appointed at the last session of this Body to prepare a Ritual, which committee has not yet reported.

MARY A. HEPLER,
NETTIE RANSFORD,
LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Committee.

The Committee on Ritual submitted the following:

Your committee appointed to prepare a Ritual for the use of the Order, respectfully report that they have devoted much time and study to the work assigned them, and submit herewith the result of

their labors, which they trust will meet the careful consideration of this Body.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN M. MAYHEW,
THOMAS C. READY,
J. E. WHITCHER,
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
ELIZABETH BUTLER,
MARY A. COMSTOCK,
MATTIE A. YOST,
Committee.

Which was, on motion, received.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, the General Grand Chapter went into Committee of the whole on the report of the Committee on Ritual, Brother Thomas M. Lamb in the chair.

At 5:30 the committee arose and reported progress.

An adjournment was then had until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1878.

The General Grand Chapter met pursuant to adjournment, the M. W. Grand Matron in the chair, and after prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain, was opened for business.

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported:

We have considered the proposed amendments to the Constitution and Rules and Regulations, submitted by Bro. Engle, and recommend their adoption, as follows:

Amend the constitution:

Article VII, Section 1, by striking out the words "Dispensation and."

Article VIII, Section 3, by striking out the word "Dispensation," and insert the word "Charter."

Article XVI, Sections 1, 6, by striking out the words, "Dispensations and."

Article XVI, Sixth, Title, by striking out the words, "Dispensations and."

Article XVI, Sixth, Line 1, by striking out the words "Dispensation and."

Article XVI, by striking out the words "Under Dispensation," and insert the words, "Organized since the previous stated meeting."

Amend the Rules and Regulations:

Section 1—Strike out the words "or a Dispensation from the Most Worthy Grand Patron, attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under the seal of the General Grand Chapter;" and in lines 6 and 7, strike out the words, "or Dispensation."

Section 4—Strike out the words "Dispensation or."

Section 6—Strike out the words "one dollar, nor charge each member less than one dollar as annual dues," and insert the words "two dollars."

SAMUEL A. MCWILLIAMS,
MARY A. COMSTOCK,
NELLIE S. COREY,
Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the several amendments adopted.

The Committee on Finance and Ways and Means submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

We respectfully report that we have examined the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer, and find the same correct.

WILLIS BROWN,
ANNA M. MAYHEW,
MARY J. WASH,
Committee.

Brother Thomas M. Lamb offered the following substitute for VIII of the Rules of Order, which was adopted:

VIII. All questions shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or roll-call. When voting

by hand-vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide, except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to such member by the Constitution.

On motion of Brother H. G. Thayer, the General Grand Chapter then went into the Committee of the whole, to consider the report of the Committee on Ritual, Sister Elizabeth Butler in the chair.

At 12 o'clock the committee arose, and reported progress.

The General Grand Chapter was then called off until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

THURSDAY, MAY 9, 1878.

The General Grand Chapter reassembled, the M. W. Grand Matron presiding.

On motion the General Grand Chapter went into Committee of the whole, to consider the report of the Committee on Ritual, Brother Thomas M. Lamb in the chair.

At 5:30 the committee arose, and reported progress.

On motion of Rev. Brother John Leach, it was

Resolved, That in the event of the Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry of the State of Michigan conforming to the General Grand Chapter, the Past Grand Presidents and Past Grand Vice Presidents of that Grand Body shall be entitled to membership in this Grand Body on the same footing as Past Grand Patrons and Past Grand Matrons.

An adjournment was then had until nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1878.

The General Grand Chapter assembled in pursuance of adjournment, and was called to order by M. W. Grand Matron.

After prayer by Rev. Brother John Leach, the minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Charters submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

We have examined the documents laid before us, and find that the necessary preliminary steps have been taken, and do recommend that charters be granted to the following named chapters:

Ruth Chapter, Iowa City, Iowa;
Gem Chapter, Shell Rock, Iowa;
Charity Chapter, Marble Rock, Iowa;
Excelsior Chapter, Charles City, Iowa;
Harmony Chapter, Council Bluffs, Iowa;
Fidelity Chapter, Rockford, Iowa;
Home Chapter, Des Moines, Iowa;
Accacia Chapter, Rockford, Michigan;
Unity Chapter, Sand Lake, Michigan;
Friendship Chapter, Dallas, Texas.

T. M. LAMB,
ELMIRA FOLEY,
M. A. OLDMAN,
Committee.

The committee to whom were referred the addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron, submittted the following report, which was concurred in:

We hereby recommend that the addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron be published with the proceedings of this meeting.

T. M. LAMB,
MARY A. COMSTOCK,
MARY A. HEPLER,
Committee.

On motion, the General Grand Chapter went into Committee of the whole, to consider the report of the Committee on Ritual, Brother T. M. Lamb in the chair.

At 12:20 P. M. the committee arose, and reported progress.

The General Grand Chapter was then called off until 1:30 this afternoon.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, MAY 10, 1878.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled, the M. W. Grand Patron, *pro tem.*, presiding.

On motion, the General Grand Chapter went into Committee of the whole, to consider the report of the Committee on Ritual, Brother T. M. Lamb in the chair.

At 5:15 P. M. the committee arose, and Brother Thos. M. Lamb, chairman, reported a form of Ritual; which was, on motion, adopted, and it was

Resolved, That the Ritual, as reported by the Committee of the whole, be and the same is, hereby set forth as the work to be used and adopted in all Grand and Subordinate Chapters owing allegiance to this General Grand Chapter; the same to be in full force and operation so soon as printed, and its use enjoined by edict of the M. W. Grand Patron.

On motion of Brother T. M. Lamb it was ordered that a committee of three be appointed, with power to arrange the Ritual, and have the same printed.

Brothers Thomas M. Lamb, John Mayhew and Willis D. Engle, were appointed such committee.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, the committee to arrange and print the Ritual were instructed to set forth and print a selection of odes for the use of Chapters; and, also, to arrange and set forth a form for the installation of Grand

Officers, taking for a basis the form set forth by the Grand Chapter of Indiana, the same to be published with the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion of Sister L. J. Pitkin, it was ordered that a committee of one from each Grand Chapter be appointed to consider the expediency of adopting a hailing sign.

Sister L. J. Pitkin, of Illinois; Brother T. M. Lamb, of Massachusetts; Brother John M. Mayhew, of New Jersey; Sister Mary A. Hepler, of Kansas; Sister Mary J. Wash, of Missouri; Brother John Leach, of Indiana; and Sister Mary A. Oldman, of Michigan, were appointed as such committee.

On motion of Brother John M. Mayhew, it was

Resolved, That when the General Grand Chapter adjourns it adjourns to meet in stated meeting at such time, between May 1 and October 1, 1880, and at such place as may be determined on by the M. W. Grand Patron, M. W. Grand Matron, R. W. Associate Grand Patron, R. W. Associate Grand Matron, and the R. W. Grand Secretary.

On Motion of Brother Mayhew, it was ordered that the Ritual, as set forth and established by this Grand Body, be sold by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and only to Grand Secretaries and to Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, it was ordered that the price at which the Ritual shall be sold shall not exceed eighty cents per copy.

On motion of Brother Willis Brown, the election of Grand Officers was proceeded with, Brother John Sproull, Sisters Elmira Foley and Nettie Ransford acting as tellers; which resulted in the election of the following officers:

THOMAS M. LAMB, M. W. Grand Patron.
ELMIRA FOLEY, M. W. Grand Matron.
WILLIS BROWN, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
JOHN M. MAYHEW, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
WILLIS D. ENGLE, R. W. Grand Secretary.

On motion of Brother H. G. Thayer, it was ordered that a warrant be drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer for $10.00, in favor of the R. W. Grand Sentinel.

On motion of Brother H. G. Thayer, it was ordered that a warrant be drawn on the R. W. Grand Treasurer for $50.00, in favor of the R. W. Grand Secretary, as a slight testimonial of our appreciation of his arduous labors in behalf of the Order.

On motion of Brother John M. Mayhew, the R. W. Grand Secretary was authorized to have five hundred copies of the proceedings of this meeting printed.

On motion the R. W. Grand Secretary was authorized to supply three copies of the Ritual free to all Chapters which have been organized by, and paid their charter fee into the treasury of the General Grand Chapter.

The M. W. Grand Matron elect announced the appointment of the following officers:

MARY J. WASH, W. Grand Conductress.
MARY A. HEPLER, W. Grand Associate Conductress.
MARY E. M. PRICE, W. Grand Adah.
JENNIE E. MATHEWS, W. Grand Ruth.
EMILY ROLFE, W. Grand Esther.
LAURA N. YOUNG, W. Grand Martha.
NETTIE RANSFORD, W. Grand Electa.
EVA MCHUGH, W. Grand Warder.

By the M. W. Grand Patron elect:

REV. JOHN LEACH, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
WM. M. BLACK, W. Grand Sentinel.
HENRY G. THAYER, W. Grand Marshal.

The officers, with the exception of Grand Esther and Grand Martha, were then installed by M. W. Elizabeth Butler, Brother John J. Sproull acting as W. Grand Marshal.

On motion, the thanks of the General Grand Chapter were given to the retiring Grand Officers for their commendable zeal in the discharge of their duties, and to the committee on Ritual for their elaborate and valuable report.

On motion of Brother Willis D. Engle, the several Grand Chapters were requested to advance to the General Grand Chapter the sum of one dollar for each Chapter under their jurisdiction; the same to be credited to them in payment for Rituals, when printed.

At 8 o'clock the General Grand Chapter adjourned.

ELMIRA FOLEY,
M. W. Grand Matron.
THOMAS M. LAMB,
M. W. Grand Patron.

ATTEST:

Willis D. Engle

R. W. Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE M. W. GRAND PATRON.

St. Louis, Mo., April 27, 1878.

To the M. W. Grand Matron and Members of General Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star:

Sisters and Brethren: When elected M. W. Grand Patron of your Body I expressed the belief that it would hardly be possible for me to attend a fall session, owing to church engagements at this season of the year. Subsequently it was deemed advisable to postpone the meeting of the General Grand Chapter from September, 1877, to May, 1878. I then supposed that nothing could prevent my attendance. Since the postponement I have been elected by my church as delegate from Missouri to represent my conference in the general conference, to convene in quadrennial session May 1st, prox., in Atlanta, Georgia. The session will continue during the month of May; hence it will be impossible for me to enjoy the long-coveted pleasure of your association. Recognizing my duty to God and the Church as paramount, I must sacrifice my desire to be with you, upon the altar of higher and more sacred service. Very much do I regret my absence from your convocation.

But little official work has claimed my attention since I have entered upon the duties of my station. All action taken in any direction, on my part, will naturally fall under the business report of our R. W. Grand Secretary. His efficiency, knowledge of our interests, and zeal in the cause, have given a happy turn to all of our affairs, and relieved me from labor and responsibility. I may say with confidence that the Secretary has acquitted himself creditably and labored successfully.

I affirm one thing with certainty: the Order has not suffered from being *too much* governed, so far as the General Grand Chapter is concerned. Believing that the prudence and discretion of your Body will direct all to wise and just conclusions as to all matters connected

with the Order, I refrain from recommendations and suggestions. As the real *headship* of the institution is in the M. W. Grand Matron, I, with full confidence, look to her for such thoughts and advice as may lead the Body to do all things to the glory of Him who hath called us to follow the Star in the East until we shall see Him as He is.

Praying that Wisdom may guide, Truth strengthen, and Grace bless you, in all the labors of the session,

I am most truly yours,

JOHN D. VINCIL.

ADDRESS OF THE M. W. GRAND MATRON.

To the Officers and Members of General Grand Chapter Order Eastern Star:

Your presence here, indicative as it is, of a supreme and growing interest for the Order, and suggestive of possibilities for the perfect and satisfactory development of her virtues and true value, is hailed by all friends of the cause with inexpressible pleasure, rendered more emphatic by so decided an addition to numbers—an expressive argumentation of life and progress. This movement has the concurrence of all State Grand Chapters, with but one or two exceptions; and those concurring Chapters that fail to send representatives, do so only from the condition of their finances. In the fitness of things, the time has arrived when our Order should issue forth from the chaos and confusion incident to every new organization attempting to introduce a new idea to the public or in society. Human nature is so constituted as to be ever on the lookout for snares and traps, rather than good and noble motives, and man is apt to regard the movements of his fellow with distrust; hence, there exists a lack of confidence in each of the other's good intentions. The discovery of a defect that shall sanction it is appropriated with avidity; thus, a principle of acknowledged merit is subjected to the common law of cold criticism and harsh judgment. But these have no power to change the real motive and purpose, the fundamental principles remain the same in defiance of question or prejudice. Opposition and incredulous intimations are rather a necessary element for the perfect development of a constitution. That there is always a need for an institution that shall

direct the human heart from selfishness, is everywhere evident. In our Order opportunities extend indefinitely; her precepts are identical with those on which the foundation of the civilization of society rests. Individual equality is a law of God. His commands make no discrimination between either class, caste, or sex; all have an equal responsibility. An institution in this enlightened age can only be a success so far as it adopts these principles as the foundation of its constitution.

The cautious and wary manner with which the introduction of our Order was at first received,—combined with her subsequent history, proves the assertion that truth lies at the bottom of a well, and it requires indefatigable exertion to bring it within the range of vision; but it is truth, nevertheless, and when fully recognized, no power shall withhold from it the position its merits prove it worthy of occupying. This can not be accomplished in a day nor in a year, nor always under the most auspicious circumstances. The surest plans, like Nature, work slowly. The flowers, which in this glorious springtime lend so much charm to this world of ours, do not expand at once into full beauty, but by the unfolding of one tiny leaf after another. Neither is this accomplished by sunshine alone, nor by air alone, nor by rain alone; but all these elements combine to give it life and strength, and power to develop the peculiar qualities of beauty and fragrance combined in its germs. The embodiment of a new idea can not be enforced upon society, nor would society be warranted in accepting that of which it has no proof of its value, hence the necessity of a developing power—a force power—to draw out its real nature, and stimulate efforts to put its true purpose to the best practical use. This may not be fully perfected under a blue sky and amid a glorious sunshine; but by a combination of these with contrary and contradictory elements, it must become susceptible to vagaries and fancies, to mistakes and blunders, to criticism and false ideas. But there is a limit to these influences. Selfishness, ambition —yea, a greed for gold—may draw it under their withering embrace, yet the true nature confined in its germ is unsullied. If it is truth, it must live.

That our organization has met with the usual *pro rata* of these contrariwise influences, is no cause for discouragement; not even the fact that she may have been used by some as the means of personal gain. (Which fact has always been the strongest point of objection expressed by the Masonic fraternity.)

I learn that the inimical practice of conferring degrees by lecture is still followed to a great extent, not only in states having no Grand Chapter, but for unexplainable motives it has been done, in the past year, within twenty miles of the shadow of these walls. A perfectly just law of government can alone provide against such contingencies.

Evil influences must become subservient to the power of self-protecting law. Prove that the helm of our ship is in strong hands, and her course directed by true and earnest souls, and you will establish the strongest argument against any opposition or prejudice. To strive for perfection is ennobling, and though it may not be attainable in the true sense of the word, is always an object of reasonable pursuit. It means prayer and progress; it is a circle, the end of which is never, never reached.

The proposition to rightfully administer laws and exercise authority, springs from the education of self-government. This subdues self-sufficiency and self-conceit, develops a spirit of obedience to the laws of God, and transmutes weakness into strength; it is the health of the human heart. The law of obedience invests an institution with power and dignity; by this is its influence measured, and its character determined. That individuals are both independent in their views and unequal in their adaption to circumstances, is an argument in favor of associated action; and it becomes necessary, for the satisfactory arrangement of laws that shall govern all that *all* have part in their arrangement, and we should not be committed to one particular form or plan, but rather that which investigation shall prove of the best practical use. The necessary steps have been taken, and ample time allowed for each governing body to collect their views, opinions, and experiences, and this day has been set apart on which to compare, utilize, and condense them into a form as near perfect as is possible for human nature to attain. That our Order may be, both in the rendering of its ceremonies and the governing of its organization, the equal, if not superior, of any of the institutions of the day, is the sentiment to which your presence here gives expression. Let the profoundest deliberations determine whether or not the various subjects suggested shall have been considered in all their bearings; if every possible and available means have been employed to the end desired by those whose impulses have been acted upon solely by a disposition to place our Order upon a standard which shall gain for her the respect and homage of all true men and women, whose hearts throb in sympathy with and desire to aid suffering humanity.

Let the amended ritual be prefaced with a deserving tribute to him whose regard for the welfare of his race suggested a theory which promises to be world-wide in its practice, and unlimited in its results. May the name of Brother Rob Morris be tenderly cherished by all who recognize in our Order a movement for the betterment of the condition of the human family.

The results of a frequently varying form of ceremonial are much to be deplored. The use of a dozen or more widely-differing rituals is productive of decisions in ruling and amendments of constitutions and issuing of decrees in one State conflicting with those of another,

and much that is not at all in harmony with the original landmarks of the Order. And moreover, the evil does not stop here, but is transmitted into subordinate Chapters. I venture to say that the Worthy Matrons of either of the four Chapters of this city could not open or close any one of the others without a jar, and I have yet to find any two Chapters, in this or any other State, that render the initiatory ceremony alike. In many instances a change is made with every new set of officers. There has been, as yet, no amended form brought under my observation that can be rendered without much filling-up, and that must be done as the judgment of the presiding officer dictates. This seldom gives general satisfaction, and a new form is sought for and appropriated with avidity, only to subject them to a new disappointment. The results are daily becoming more apparent in the lawless spirit it engenders through the entire membership. I have found, at times, occasion to remonstrate with subordinate Chapters. The answer has been, "We can't live if we don't let them have their own way." This can never be anything but a course leading to destruction. My plan has always been to follow the general rule as near as possible, though it may not be in strict accordance with my own ideas. The neglect of one point, be it ever so trifling, will lead to the neglect of others. A rule is neglected, then a law set aside; the breach widens and widens, and the whole structure trembles on the brink of a yawning chasm. There is no more deadly or demoralizing influence than a laxity in law. It not only leaves room for controversy, but weakens the government, robs the administration of its dignity, and introduces principles that are contrary to the teachings of our Order. Law is the life and power of an institution. By this is its character determined. The needs of our Order to-day are not alone a uniformity of work, but also a uniformity of law and usage—a complete and perfect governing rule, and a determination to carry it out. When the rule of administration becomes subservient to disposition or pleasure, it loses force and vitality, and can only be conducive of confusion and conflicting circumstances, and a disorder to which respect speedily becomes a sacrifice, and the entire system is depreciated.

The tenets and teachings of our Order imply standard virtues, and are calculated to lead the initiated to look on his fellow with all the kindliness which charity, in its fullest sense, could suggest. But the human heart is an organ of extreme sensibility, and responds in proportion to its bearings and surroundings. It may be likened to a sensitive instrument: In the hands of an unskilled and impetuous artist, it produces only harsh and discordant sounds; but, when controlled by the skillful master's hand, it gives forth sweet and peaceful music. A forceful spirit is an antagonistic element, but an innate love for right, truth, and justice, submits to a rule of government to

which all are subjected. Though there will ever be those among us whose natures are not easily influenced for good, and may recognize no use for that in which there is no immediate prospect of personal advantage, thank God! there are many, very many, strong, noble, devoted souls, who shrink not from labor or sacifice in their efforts to promulgate principles which incite the human heart to a more perfect love and trust in each other and hasten fulfillment of the Divine mandate, "Love thy neighbors as thyself."

The majority of our brothers, in giving expression to their sentiments, pronounce our Order tame, flowery, and, though beautiful and attractive in its theory and commendable in its practice, sadly deficient in the wisdom and strength which characterizes the moral standard upon which the system of Masonic fraternity is raised. Influenced by these impressions, they are, at times, and often without intention, led to speak disparagingly of the Order. This, I believe, is a common cause for the apathy which seizes upon new members after the first few weeks of excitement, and is so much to be deplored. Woman's nature is particularly sensitive to ridicule, and men are apt to overlook the fact that custom has long tolerated the arrogant supremacy—the strong will over the weak—bringing to pass a condition of things which has kept woman, to a great extent, in a sort of social bondage, from which she is just emerging. By the law of cause and effect, it becomes necessary to educate her to the idea that she may stand side by side and on an equality with man in any position which her ability proves her power to maintain, without detracting from her womanliness. Allow me to further add, that when, through her awakened intelligence and aroused energies, she becomes conscious of her dormant power and true capacity, it will require a strong food to satisfy her mental cravings. As for the other sex, we are not ignorant of the result to our Order of comparison with the harmonious and complete fitness of that time-honored system: but was the cunning workmanship of our forefathers exhausted in the erection of one moral edifice? was there no stone left in the quarry, no artificer's power transmitted as a legal inheritance to posterity? Was it designed that they should fold their arms in the luxurious ease born of the conscious possession and selfish appropriation and enjoyment of their hoarded treasure? Should they view with scorn and contempt any effort which may come under their notice, to utilize the light—which lighteth every man which cometh into the world—into a system that may prove of equal benefit to the female sex? A refusal to lend their aid to this end is productive of a feeling antagonistic to the impression we desire to receive, of the quality of the fruit yielded by a purely Masonic training.

It is not my intention here to make any extended remarks regarding the necessary change in the ritual, as my views are already

in the hands of the Committee. I believe there should be more restraining force in the obligation, and the lectures of the degrees much shortened. I would call particular attention to the explanation of the signet, as it has always been a source of regret to me that this part of our ceremony has had so slight notice; the teachings of that alone imply lessons worthy the study and devotion of an entire evening. Its symbolized illustrations are calculated to reach the highest sense of intelligence, and may, by proper rendering, appeal to the deepest and sincerest emotions, arousing the candidate to a more perfect sense of their true position, and add a stimulus to a governing law higher, farther-reaching, and more binding than human laws can fathom, *the law of love.* I believe it would be advantageous if the memorizing of work was insisted upon: the interest would be greatly augmented, and the officers have a truer conception of their responsibility. Let them feel that they are each an important and indispensable part in the working machinery, and that the deprivation of one part renders the whole next to useless. The necessity for a more thorough spirit of activity is evident. Work is life. Is progress all nature's work? We must not remain idle while the Great Architect of the Universe lends us life and strength and capacity. There is a great work to be done—a work that even the angels might envy us. The Order of the Eastern Star is destined to exercise an unmeasured influence on society; perhaps silent and unseen, at times, but nevertheless a weighty lever in raising its social standard, by association and fraternity; and through the portraiture of those principles which combine to form faith, hope. and charity, let us ever bear in mind that on these the security of our foundation and the beauty of our structure depend.

Of my official duties I have none to report, as the Grand Patron has sole executive power during the vacation of this Grand Chapter; and though the rule calls for an address from both Patron and Matron, setting forth their official acts, it assigns no duty whatever to the Matron, her position during the three years' interval being merely an honorary one. I think this an unfair provision, as where both sexes are to be governed both should have concurrent supervisory duties. The natural keen intuition of woman, her quick perceptive qualities, combined with her nice sence of justice, should fit her to be man's equal, in this particular at least. (I am speaking now for my sisters.)

There is one other section in the Constitution to which I have objection. It is that the Matron should preside during the convocation of this supreme body. I am fully persuaded, that from nature, all other circumstances being equal, man will ever be the superior to woman in executive and administrative ability; and, while I believe it a wise arrangement that she should be the highest responsible

officer in a subordinate Chapter, I hold that a body of the state and dignity this should assume, would be more properly governed by the stronger sex. I held these objections when the Constitution was passed, and objected to hold this office under them; but I was overruled, as it was found necessary to confer the honor upon the State from which I was fortunate to hail. To be sure, they have a provision where she may call the Patron to the chair when she so desires, but the disposition that will leave stated duties to be performed by another, will never acquire the stamina which shall reach this position, under any circumstances. And though I have undertaken this duty under a protest, and am fully sensible of my inability to fill it as well as my interest for the Order would desire, yet that I have taken it at all is a sufficient guarantee that I shall make every effort to perform it. We can not be too sensitive of our responsibilities; we have assumed the vast jurisdiction which constitutes the entire membership; we have undertaken to dictate to, and prescribe its laws and regulations. As surely as cause follows effect, so surely will the results of this conference decide the future of our Order. As I before remarked, none shall be committed to one particular form, or be too conservative in their individual views. A subject may assume a form from one standpoint, of very different effect when viewed under the influence of other experiences.

ELIZABETH BUTLER.

ADDRESS OF THE M. W. GRAND PATRON-ELECT.

To the Several Grand Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star.—*Greeting*:

Having been called unexpectedly by the generous suffrages of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, at its session held in Chicago on the 8th inst., to occupy the honorable and responsible position of M. W. G. Patron of that body, I deem it my duty to commend to your favorable consideration the labors of that Chapter, and indicate the sentiments and policy that shall govern my official action.

Among the many organizations which have sprung from our social life, I know of none that has made more rapid progress, or that hails the future with more hopeful promise, than the Order of the Eastern Star. The causes which have produced this result, and the primary elements of our strength are proper subjects of inquiry, preliminary to the determination of our future course.

The first and most important factor in our behalf is the peculiar relation we sustain to the Masonic fraternity. That ancient and honorable institution has ever acknowledged its sacred duty to provide for the welfare of the wives, mothers, daughters, widows and sisters of Master Masons. To give practical effect to this acknowledged duty of Freemasonry, is the grand purpose and spirit of the Eastern Star. What relationship therefore, does our order claim to the Masonic fraternity? Only that relationship which the families of Masons sustain to Masons. The former cannot be the latter, neither can the Eastern Star be Freemasonry. The high character and extended influence of the ancient brotherhood, and the certainty that it will eventually welcome every effort that is calculated to achieve its acknowledged purpose, to provide for the social and moral elevation of those depending upon it, constitutes the primary element of our strength, and the principal source of our rapid progress.

For more than a century efforts have been made, from time to time, by eminent Masons, to establish an Order kindred in design to our own. But only partial or temporary success has attended their efforts. It has remained for our distinguished brother, Robert Morris, LL. D., to successfully initiate a system of so great promise, not only to the families of Masons, but to the great brotherhood from whose generous impulses it has sprung.

His efforts were supplemented and largely made successful by the zeal and executive ability of Brother Robert Macoy, of New York, whose labors, we rejoice to learn, have brought to him an abundant reward. Our Order would ever gladly hold these distinguished brothers in grateful rememberance. Through the organization of Subordinate and Grand Chapters, their supervision and control of

the Order has departed. "But the power and prerogatives may depart with the expiration of their term of service, but the power and dignity except by their own acts, *never.*"

The Eastern Star has outgrown the ideals of its childhood, and stepping upon a higher plane, enters the field of more mature life. After seventeen years of childhood existence, it emerged therefrom into Chapter organization, and commenced its career as an independent Order.

Its new life necessitated radical changes in its methods and purposes, to secure its permanent usefulness. Instead of the almost indiscriminate communication of its secrets, to willing or unwilling recipients, it now follows the lead of all successful secret organizations, and requires, except in special cases, that the worthy applicant shall enter the Chapter room, and in a prescribed manner, receive the lessons of our Order. Since entering upon its new life, only ten years have passed, and yet how wonderful has been its progress! Over a territory extending from Vermont to California, are established several hundreds of Chapters, meeting, generally, in the Masonic apartments, and receiving the most cordial support of most eminent Masons.

With this rapid extension of our Order has come great diversity in its ritual work. The ritual which was acceptable to a few Chapters, was soon found to be wholly inadequate to meet the wants of a great organization. In different sections, changes have been made, and rituals published to meet local wants, and thereby such diversity in work inaugurated, that the visitor can hardly recognize in different parts of the country the workings of the same Order. To remedy this difficulty, so threatening to our usefulness, is the overshadowing purpose of the General Grand Chapter.

At its organization, in November, 1876, a committee was appointed to carefully consider the subject, and recommend to the General Grand Chapter at its first stated meeting, a ritual that would by its excellence, commend itself to the intelligence and conscience of the Order. The committee after patient and careful labor, rendered difficult by the great distance separating its members, has concluded its work. The General Grand Chapter, at its first stated meeting, held on the 8th inst., after a three days' session of more than twenty hours, of earnest and harmonious labor, has adopted a ritual which it confidently believes will meet the various wants of our beautiful Order.

The General Grand Chapter believed that the ritual should, among others, possess the following characteristics:

The histories of its five heroines should conform closely to the facts of Scriptural history, upon which they purport to be based.

Its symbols should teach consistent lessons.

Its literary execution should be worthy of an intelligent order.

In each of these particulars the ritual most in use is greatly at fault. It claims that its lessons are Scriptural, and "its heroines selected from the best of those described in the inspired volume." An intelligent member of our Order will look in vain for the facts to substantiate the statements of the ritual respecting four of its heroines. In the case of Electa, the whole story as presented in the ritual is a pure fiction, and however beautiful, its effect is lost when we know it to be only a figment of the imagination

Fiction has its proper place in literature, but should not be presented as Scriptural biography and history. Nor is it necessary, for any good purpose, to present our heroines as paragons of intellectual and moral perfection. They possessed sterling virtues, upon which may be founded truthful and impressive lessons. We believe the new histories are truthful, and possess all the moral lessons of the old, with unimpaired strength of statement to an intelligent listener, and they are greatly abbreviated in length.

In the old ritual, the symbols do not teach consistent lessons. A different teaching is given to the same symbol in different parts of the ritual.

As a specimen of English composition, the present ritual is too faulty. To particularize its faults in this respect is unnecessary; they are too apparent to an intelligent reader.

Aside from the improvements stated, the ritual of our Order should embody the great moral teachings of the Holy Scripture, without unnecessary affirmations respecting points upon which individual interpretations and opinions differ. It should present its lessons through an interesting and impressive ceremonial, alike attractive to intelligent members and those of less culture. The true landmarks of the Order, including the names of its heroines, should be retained. The departure from established forms should only be made in the interest of consistency, beauty and truth. The new ritual will not be, in all respects, perfect. Perfection is of slow growth. In proportion as the General Grand Chapter has succeeded in improving its ritual in the directions herein stated, will be its claims upon your support. While *perfect* uniformity in work can hardly be expected, we trust that, with your co-operation, the honest and earnest effort of the General Grand Chapter will do much to bring the work of our Order from confusion to substantial unity. If any Chapter shall ask what advantages will accrue to itself, by its union with the General Grand Chapter, I answer that it is not so much for the advantage that will accrue directly to your Chapter that we ask your co-operation, as it is that the Order of the Eastern Star may gain important benefits from this union of the Grand Chapters; and, also, that the General Grand Chapter may have your influence in its future labors.

If any shall question the right of the Eastern Star to revise and

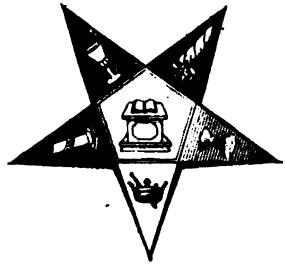
publish its ritual, it is a sufficient reply to say that it has the same right, in this respect, that the church has to revise and publish its confession of faith and ritualistic service, and the Masonic fraternity to control its work. It may also be added that the ritual most in use is the result of the revisionary labors of committees regularly appointed, at different times, by the Grand Chapter of New York; see proceedings of that body for the years 1873-4-5-6.

As fears have been expressed, in some quarters, that the General Grand Chapter will be an expensive and otherwise burdensome institution, it will be gratifying to the Order to learn, that at its last meeting the income from contributions of two and one-half cents per member, from five Grand Chapters, and the sale of charters, etc., had been more than sufficient to defray its entire expenses. Its ritual will be sold at 20 per cent. less than any heretofore sold, and yet be a source of additional revenue to the Grand Chapter sufficient to pay all its expenses; therefore, no assessments upon subordinate Grand Chapters was made or need be expected.

The General Grand Chapter was called into existence to meet a special emergency, arising from the rapid growth of our Order. Its powers are limited, and its future must be what you choose to make it. It is essentially your servant, and subject to your control; and when it ceases to subserve the interests of our Order, the remedy is in your own hands.

T. M. LAMB,
M. W. Grand Patron.

WORCHESTER, MASS., May 20, 1878.



CEREMONY OF INSTALLATION

OF

Officers of Grand Chapters.

The Grand Chapter being properly opened, as for work, a Past Grand Patron or Grand Matron presiding; if none such be present, then the oldest member being a Past Patron shall take the chair, and with such assistance as he may appoint, the ceremony shall proceed as follows:

The Grand Secretary shall call the list of officers, elected and appointed; and as their names are called, they will be arranged by the Grand Marshal in front of the presiding officer, the emblems of office and jewels having been collected at the East.

The Grand Marshal will then present the officers to the Grand Patron:

Grand Marshal—Grand Patron, I have the pleasure to present to you for installation these sisters and brothers, who have been duly elected and chosen to preside over us, and assist in conducting the business of this Grand Chapter, and to discharge all other duties appertaining to their several stations until their successors are lawfully chosen and installed.

The Grand Patron rises and calls up the Grand Chapter, which he addresses as follows:

Grand Patron—Sisters and brothers of the Grand Chapter, these persons, selected by you, are now ready and willing to take upon themselves the obligations, duties and responsibilities of office. In our beautiful Order, preferment to office

should not be sought after, but should come to the individual chosen as an honor justly merited and freely bestowed. Those only should be chosen, who, by their reputation, their work, and high moral character, command the esteem and confidence of our members, and can give us standing and credit before the world. Do you believe they possess these qualifications, and now desire that they shall be installed into the offices to which they have been chosen?

The Grand Chapter responds:

We do.

The Grand Patron continues:

G. P.—Sisters and brothers elect, there being no objection against either of you gives us full assurance of your competency to discharge the responsible duties to be assigned you. You have been chosen to take charge of the affairs of this Grand Chapter for the ensuing year.

It is no small mark of esteem to be thus selected; let it be your aim to make the ensuing year the most prosperous in the history of this Grand Chapter: then you will find in the record of its prosperity the reward of your faithful service.

You will please give your assent to the obligation of office.

Do you each sacredly promise to support, maintain, and enforce the Constitution, By-Laws, and Regulations of this Grand Chapter, be obedient to its orders and directions, and, to the best of your knowledge and ability, impartially and faithfully discharge the duties of your office, and use your utmost endeavors to make yourself useful, and your station honorable, in the office with which I am now about to invest you?

They severally assent, and the Grand Patron will then seat the Grand Chapter, the officers elect being seated together, and the ceremonies will proceed, as follows:

G. M.—Grand Patron, I have the honor to present, for installation, Sister ———, duly elected Grand Matron for the ensuing year. Our sister is fully aware of the great responsibility she is assuming in the acceptance of this important

position, yet she is willing to undertake it, in the belief that, with the aid and assistance of the sisters and brothers, and by the help of God, she will not fail in the performance of her duty, and thus prove that the confidence reposed in her has not been misapplied.

G. P.—Sister ———, you have been elected by the free ballot of the members of the Grand Chapter, to occupy the most exalted position in their power to bestow upon a sister; a just and deserving tribute to your zeal and worth, and I congratulate you upon your preferment.

The high honors attached to the office of Grand Matron are accompanied by weighty and delicate responsibilities. It is expected that you will have a watchful care over the interests of the Grand Chapter, see that its Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations, orders and edicts, are promptly enforced throughout this jurisdiction, that subordinate officers discharge their duties, and that, by your own respect for law and good government, you will cause all others to find the strongest incentive of obedience to all lawful commands.

Your duties are more specifically set forth in the Constitution, to which I refer you, with the admonition: be cautious in your words, courteous in your actions, sincere in your rulings, governing with moderation and decorum, trusting that your well-known zeal in the cause of the Order will lead you to discharge these important trusts with lasting benefit to this Grand Chapter and great credit to yourself.

You will now be invested with the proper badge of office, and be conducted to your station in the East..

After she is in her station, the Grand Patron will say:

G. P.—Grand Matron, behold your sisters and brothers! Sisters and brothers, behold your Grand Matron, and salute her with the Grand Honors.

G. M.—Grand Patron, it is with pleasure I introduce to you Brother ———, who has been duly elected Grand Patron

for the ensuing year. I doubt not but you will find him as willing to discharge the duties as to enjoy the high honors conferred upon him.

G. P.—Brother ———, who has been elected, by the free choice of the members of this Grand Chapter, to occupy the most exalted position in their power to bestow upon a brother; a just compliment to your zeal and worth, and for which I offer you my sincere congratulations. Your intimate acquaintance with the rules and affairs of your Order justify me in saying that the members have exercised a sound discretion in this selection. You are elevated to a position from which the power and prerogative may depart with the expiration of your term of service, but the honor and dignity, except by your own act, *never!*

Your duties are to issue dispensations, organize and supervise new charters, and assist the Grand Matron in the discharge of her duties. Other duties appropriate to your high office might be named, which will readily suggest themselves to a sensitive mind, imbued with a proper zeal to promote the interests of our Order. The field is broad and whitening for the harvest; may you be the instrument of gathering many sheaves to our garner, that it may be said of you, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things."

You will now be invested with the insignia of office, and be conducted to your station on the left of the Grand Matron in the East.

After he is in his station, the Grand Patron will say:

G. P.—Grand Patron, behold your sisters and brothers! Sisters and brothers, behold your Grand Patron, and salute him with the Grand Honors.

G. M.—Grand Patron, with pleasure I present Sister ———, elected Grand Associate Matron, for installation. I am persuaded she fully appreciates the honor conferred, and will

discharge the duties imposed with credit to herself and satisfaction to the Order.

G. P.—Sister ———, the duties of your honorable station are embodied in the name of your office. You are to assist the Grand Matron, and in case of her death, absence, or disability you shall act for her and discharge her duties. To you is especially entrusted the supervision of your sister officers, that the paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter be properly preserved and its Ritual ceremonies performed intelligently. Be ever ready to discharge these duties.

You will now be invested with your badge of office, and conducted to your station in the West.

G. M.—Grand Patron, I now have the pleasure of presenting to you, for installation, Brother ———, who has been duly elected Grand Associate Patron.

G. P.—Brother ———, I congratulate you on being chosen to fill so high a station. Your duties are to assist the Grand Patron, and in case of his death, absence or disability, to assume his powers and duties. Those who have reposed so much confidence in you have reason to expect you to faithfully look after their interests, and zealously work for the welfare of the Order. Let the laws, tenets, and professions of the Eastern Star be your constant study, that you may be ready to enforce them by precept and example, and the better enabled to exercise the higher and more exalted position to which you may be called at any moment.

You will now be invested with the proper emblem of office and conducted to your station on the left of the Grand Associate Matron, in the West.

G. M.—Grand Patron, it is my pleasant duty to introduce —— ———, duly elected to serve us as Grand Secretary for the ensuing year.

G. P.— —— ———, the office to which you have been elected is by far the most important, if not the most honorable, within the gift of this Grand Chapter. Yours is an

onerous and most responsible charge. But few are competent to perform it in the thorough manner it demands. Failure or neglect upon your part will complicate and embarrass all our proceedings, and give us a disgraceful record before the world. To you, also, is intrusted the collection of all funds due the Grand Chapter, the custody of its seal, records, books, and papers. You are correspondent and financial agent of the Grand Chapter, the medium of intercourse between the officers and members thereof, as well as between them and subordinate Chapters. The faithful discharge of all your various duties requires constant and systematic work, a careful keeping of records and accounts, prompt and discreet action, and the highest integrity of character.

You will now receive your emblem of office, and be conducted to your station in the Southeast.

G. M.—Grand Patron, it is with confidence and pleasure I present to you, for installation, Sister ———, duly elected to serve as Grand Treasurer for the ensuing year.

G. P.—Sister ———, to you is intrusted the proper care, preservation, and disbursement of the funds of the Grand Chapter. This is a trust of the utmost importance, for without money little good can be accomplished. You will, therefore, attend carefully to the financial interests of the Order, receiving the funds, through the Grand Secretary, from the different sources of revenue, keep them safely invested, render a just account thereof, and pay the same out only on proper vouchers, with the consent of the Grand Chapter. Let it be your constant care to be faithful to your trust, and not forfeit the confidence reposed in you by the Grand Chapter.

You will now receive your badge of office, and be conducted to your station in the Northeast.

G. M.—Grand Patron, I have the honor to present Brother ———, chosen to officiate as Grand Chaplain for the ensuing year.

G. M.—My brother, our beautiful Order, founded upon the moral teachings of the Holy Scriptures, everywhere, and on all occasions, acknowledges the existence and providence of God. Except the Lord built the house, they labor in vain that built it; except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh in vain. You have been chosen Grand Chaplain, and as such it will be your duty to conduct the devotional exercises of the Grand Chapter, and superintend and promote its charitable and benevolent objects. These will afford a wide field of usefulness, and may you be so successful in pointing to the "Star in the East" that all will be induced to follow it, until they meet in the Grand Chapter above.

You will now be invested with your badge of office, and take your station on the right of the Grand Matron.

G. M.—Grand Patron, it is with pleasure I present ——— ———, appointed Grand Lecturer.

G. P.— ——— ———, to you is intrusted the work of the Order, its rites, traditions and ceremonies, and it will be your duty to exemplify the same, whenever called upon by the Grand Chapter, and see that they are intelligently performed by the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction. To discharge these duties well, will require much time, study and observation upon your part; but we trust that your attachment to the principles of our Order, and zeal in promoting its interests, will lead you to the faithful discharge of your duties.

Receive the jewel and emblem of your office, and take your station in the South.

G. M.—Grand Patron, I now have the pleasure of presenting Brother ——— for installation as Grand Marshal.

G. P.—Brother ———, the post assigned to you is one of honor and responsibility. It is your duty to superintend and marshal all processions of the Grand Chapter, assist in all

its public and private ceremonies, and perform such other duties as pertain to your office.

You will now be invested with the badge of your office, and conducted to your station in the North.

G. M.—Grand Patron, I have the pleasure to introduce, for installation, Sister ———, appointed Grand Conductress, and Sister ———, appointed Grand Associate Conductress, for the ensuing year.

G. P.—My sisters, your duties are to attend upon your superior officers, assist in the active duties of the Grand Chapter, introduce and welcome visitors, and aid in exemplifying the rites and ceremonies of our Order on all proper occasions.

If you attend to these duties aright, throwing sisterly courtesy and dignity around your official conduct, you will acquire the confidence and respect of all, and merit promotion to still higher honors and more weighty responsibilities.

You will now receive your respective badges of office, and be conducted to your proper stations in the South and North.

G. M.—Grand Patron, it is with pleasure that I present to you, for installation, these sisters who have been appointed to represent the five distinguished heroines of our Order: Sister ———, as Grand Adah; Sister ———, as Grand Ruth; Sister ———, as Grand Esther; Sister ———, as Grand Martha; Sister ———, as Grand Electa.

G. P.—My sisters, the most important lessons of our Order are given from the five points of our emblematic Star. It should be your study to most impressively render these lessons during the opening ceremonies of the Grand Chapter, and whenever your services may be needed.

You will now each be invested with the badge of your office, and conducted to your stations.

G. M.—It is with pleasure that I present, for installation, Sister ———, appointed to be Grand Warder, and Brother ———, appointed to be Grand Sentinel.

G. M.—My sister and brother, you are, respectively, the inner and outer guards of the Grand Chapter. Upon you, therefore, we rely to preserve that secrecy which is essential to our proceedings, and to see that our ceremonies are not interrupted by untimely alarms, and to discharge such other duties as appertain to your office. A prompt and faithful discharge of these responsibilities will afford the best evidence of your attachment for the tenets and professions of our Order.

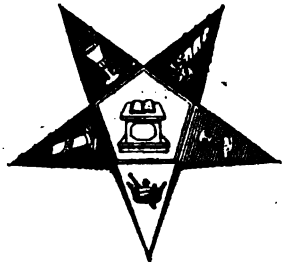
You will be invested with your respective badges of office, and conducted to your stations within and without the door of the Grand Chapter.

G. M.—Grand Patron, my duties are ended. The several officers of this Grand Chapter have been duly elected, installed, invested with their badges of office, and conducted to their respective stations.

G. P.—It is well. Officers and members of the Grand Chapter: All things are now ready for you to enter upon the proceedings of a new year. Harmony and good will prevail, and we start under the most auspicious circumstances. But no one can affirm that another year, or even a single day, will be committed to our trust. Therefore, if we have been faithful heretofore, let us double our exertions for the future. Let us continue kindly affectionate, one toward another. Let us walk circumspectly, sacredly preserving our lips from slander and evil speaking, ever remembering our sacred obligations. And may we, each of us, through the good providence of God, be brought, through a useful and happy life, to a blissful close and a triumphant entrance upon the joys of the heavenly life.

Let us now look to God for His benediction.

PRAYER.



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ORDER of the EASTERN STAR

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JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

CHICAGO, ILL., Friday, August 20, 1880.

The General Grand Chapter assembled in third stated meeting in the hall of Queen Esther Chapter No. 41, Sister Elmira Foley, M. W. Grand Matron, presiding, and was opened in ample form, the following officers, members and visitors being present:

THOMAS M. LAMB, M. W. Grand Patron.
MRS. ELMIRA FOLEY, M. W. Grand Matron.
WILLIS BROWN, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
JOHN M. MAYHEW, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
WILLIS D. ENGLE, R. W. Grand Secretary.
REV. T. B. MCCLAIN, as V. W. Grand Chaplain.
MRS. NELLIE S. COREY, as W. Grand Conductress.
MRS. MARY A. HEPLER, W. Grand Associate Conductress.
MRS. MARY E. M. PRICE, W. Grand Adah.
MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS, W. Grand Ruth.
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MRS. EVA MCHUGH, W. Grand Warder.
WM. M. BLACK, W. Grand Sentinel.
HENRY G. THAYER, W. Grand Marshal.
MRS. ELLA PENNELL, of Illinois, presiding at the organ.

(For list of members present, see report of Committee on Credentials, page 11.)

Among the visitors at the opening and during the week, were the following:

California—Mrs. Carrie A. Kingsley, A. M.; Mrs. Mary J. Mayhew, W. M.

Connecticut—Mrs. Addie C. S. Bario, P. G. M.

Illinois—Mrs. Ida S. Wilmeroth, Mrs. C. A. Josephi, Miss Adella E. Burns, Miss Annie B. Elton, Mrs. Mary A. Brown, Mrs. Mary E. Thompson, Mrs. Sarah Assenheim, W. M.; Mrs. Zaida M. Elton, Mrs. G. H. Beale, Mrs. M. F. Gaskill, Mrs. Anna M. Keepers, Mrs. J. W. Ashley, A. G. C.; Miss Annie Butler, Mrs. Rosa A. West, Mrs. H. Robertson, Mrs. A. F. West, Mrs. D. D. Stetson, Mrs. M. J. Carpenter, Mrs. M. Morse, Mrs. J. J. Maypole, Mrs. J. D. Manny, Miss E. F. Gleason, Mrs. P. McGregor, Mrs. M. Danniells, Mrs. P. W. Millard, Mrs. M. Campbell, W. M.; Mrs. Rebecca Phelps, Miss Hattie C. Horner, Mrs. A. B. Height, Mrs. Sylvia J. Wardner, Mrs. Charlotte M. Lumley, Mrs. Abbie Hudson, Mrs. Maggie L. Obstrander, Mrs. Mary M. Miller, Mrs. Catherine Olmstead, George F. Brown, J. H. Cruver, Henry R. Boss, Alonzo Eaton, W. P.; Joseph T. Anthony, W. W. Eastman, W. P.; Rev. J. W. Agard, P. P.; A. B. Ashley, P. P.; Ed. Lewis and A. B. Height.

Indiana—Miss Clara M. Meredith, P. M.; Mrs. Georgia C. Bartholomew, Miss Mary E. Engle, Mrs. Lillian Lee Wilard, A. M.; Miss Clara J. Foster, Mrs. Louise Imes, Mrs. Josephine Kaiser, Mrs. India Hutchinson, Mrs. Fanny R. Morton, Mrs. Ida Hodler, G. Treas.; Mrs. Eliza Schofield, Mrs. M. Rash, Miss Katie Rash, Mrs. Dora Artes, Mrs. Lizzie Foulks, Mrs. Mary A. Ten Eyck, Mrs. Mary E. Thayer, Mrs. Ellen Bunting, Mrs. Mary E. Chubb, Willis J. Imes, Joseph E. Morton, John Rash, Wm. Epmeier, Charles Artes, John Foulks, P. P.; Michael Moran. Robert Van Valzah, W. P.; William H. Smythe, G. Sec'y.; Wm. Medicus, P. P.; Martin H. Rice, P. P.; and G. W. Bunting.

Iowa—Mrs. Mary E. Wilbur, P. G. Cond.; Mrs. Frances Durkee, Wm. Foley, P. P.; F. L. Lewis, and Mark E. Lewis,

Kansas—Mrs. Delia Nixon, Mrs. Sarah Buswell, Miss Belle Buswell, Leopold Cohen, W. P.; A. H. Lockman, and B. F. Hepler.

Maryland—Mrs. Mary E. Thomas, Mrs. C. V. Edwards, J. M. Thomas, W. P.

Michigan—Mrs. Mary A. Oldman, W. M.; Mrs. M. A. Stralie, A. M.; Mrs. C. J. Holmes, Mrs. H. L. Anthony, W. M.; Mrs. J. M. Elexander, Mrs. Sarah A. Parke, G. Cond.; Miss Emma L. Purinton, Amos S. Parke, A. L. Stewart, W. P.; and George Pierce.

Minnesota—Mrs. B. C. Grover, Mrs. A. A. Palmer, A. M.; Mrs. M. A. Cooper, W. M.; Mrs. O. H. Hall, H. H. Palmer, and J. H. Cooper.

Missouri—Mrs. Clara Clough, W. M.; Mrs. Mary I. Ferris, P. M.; Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, G. Cond.; Mrs. Annie Moer, Milton H. Wash, and George Vohringer.

Nebraska—Mrs. Elizabeth Davis.

New York—Mrs. Jeannie E. Thomas, P. A. G. M.; John Sproull, P. G. Sec'y.; W. A. Hayward, P. P.; and C. D. Hayward, A. G. P.

New Jersey—Mrs. Tillie A. McClure, P. M.; Mrs. Elizabeth Stager.

Tennesse—Ewan Burney and Wm. T. Randle.

The M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron read their addresses. (See Appendix.)

REPORTS.

The R. W. Grand Treasuser submitted the following report:

NEWARK, N. J., August 13, 1880.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your Treasurer begs leave to offer the following as his report for moneys received and expended since the last session of your Grand Body:

Balance on hand as per last report	$ 102 69	
Amount received since last report.....	1,867 76	
		$1,970 45
Amount paid out as per vouchers in hands of Grand Secretary	1,704 65	
Balance on hand		$ 265 80

JOHN M. MAYHEW,
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following report:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE
GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

The R. W. Grand Secretary respectfully reports, that since the last session of this Body, he has, in the discharge of the duties of his office, written 1,784 letters, 255 postals, sent 7,778 circulars and pamphlets, and 661 other packages by mail and express, making a total of upwards of ten thousand pieces. This extensive business has been rendered necessary by the sale of Rituals and other supplies, and in the dissemination of information in regard to the Order, its objects, etc. Among other circulars was one addressed to the officers and members of Masonic Lodges 2,600 of which were sent to as many Lodges in twenty-two different States and Territories. Already seven Chapters have been organized, as the result of the same, and there are immediate prospects of several more.

CHARTERS

Were issued to the ten Chapters as ordered at the last session, and also for the organization of Chapters as follows:

July 18, 1878, Missouri Valley Chapter, Missouri Valley, Harrison county, Iowa. Mrs. Mary E. Boies, Matron; M. E. Chapman, Patron; Mrs. C. C. Lahman, A. M. "S. G. C." charter dated August 30, 1873, surrendered.

February 25, 1879, O-ho-yo-hom-ma Chapter No .1, A-tok-a, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. Mrs. C. Bond, Matron; J. S. Murrow, Patron; Mrs. L. J. Hester, A. M. Organized by J. S. Murrow (Grand Master), Special Deputy.

November 25, 1879, Friendship Chapter No. 1, Elko, Elko county, Nevada. Mrs. Mary Jackson, Matron; John S. Mayhugh, Patron; Miss Kate M. Dorsey, A. M. Organized by Merrill P. Freeman (Grand Master), Special Deputy.

December 9, 1879, Chico Chapter No. 2, Chico, Wise county, Texas. Mrs. Emma J. Blanton, Matron; Theodore Merriman, Patron; Mrs. Feno Dickenson, A. M. Organized by Theodore Merriman, Deputy for Texas.

February 24, 1880, Alpha Chapter No. 1, Ashland, Jackson county, Oregon. Mrs. M. E. McCall, Matron; W. H. Atkinson, Patron; M. C. Hill, A. M. Organized by Wm. S. Moses, Special Deputy.

April 13, 1880, Eugene City Chapter No. 2, Eugene City, Lane county, Oregon. Mrs. C. W. Fitch, Matron; F. W. Osburn, Patron; Miss Annie Underwood, A. M. Organized by F. W. Osburn, Special Deputy.

April 26, 1880, Alpha Chapter No. 1, Baltimore, Baltimore county, Maryland. Mrs. Mattie F. Mundorff, Matron; James M. Thomas, Patron; Mrs. Eliza J. White, A. M. Charter issued by Grand Chapter of New York, dated Sept. 15, 1879, surrendered. Organized by James M. Thomas, Deputy for Maryland.

April 30, 1880, East Fork Chapter No. 2, Gallaher's Mills, Roane county, Tennessee. Miss Terza Bradley, Matron; Jesse B. Worthington, Patron; Mrs. Charlotte Triplett, A. M. Organized by J. C. Bruice, Special Deputy.

May 21, 1880, Mount Idaho Chapter No. 1, Mount Idaho, Idaho county, Idaho Territory. Mrs. Belle J. Randall, Matron; Farrington B. King. Patron; Miss Emma M. Odle, A. M. Organized by F. B. King, Special Deputy.

May 27, 1880, Adarel Chapter No. 3, Jacksonville, Jackson county, Oregon. Mrs. J. N. T. Miller, Matron; David Linn, Patron; Mrs. Hattie Jackson, A. M. Organized by W. H Atkinson, Special Deputy, assisted by members of Alpha Chapter No. 1, of Ashland.

June 18, 1880, Evergreen Chapter No. 2, Tampa, Hillsborough county, Florida. Mrs. Mary E. Mitchell, Matron; R. B. Thomas, Patron; Mrs. Marion E. Randolph, A. M. Organized by R. B. Thomas, Special Deputy.

June 26, 1880, Cottage Grove Chapter No. 4, Cottage Grove, Lane county, Oregon. Mrs. S. M. Adams, Matron; O. P. Adams, Patron; Mrs. Kate Perkins, A. M. Organized by F. W. Osburn, Special Deputy, assisted by members of Eugene City Chapter No. 2.

July 16, 1880, Esther Chapter No. 1, Williams Cross Roads (Gladdice P. O.), Smith county, Tennessee. Mrs. Polly A. Donoho, Matron; R. H. Yedman, Patron; Mrs. Cassie R. Wakefield, A. M. Organized by W. W. Haley, Special Deputy.

August 5, 1880, Alpha Chapter No. 1, Laramie City, Albany county, Wyoming Territory. Mrs. Nancy M. Gavitt, Matron; Ira I. Williamson, Patron; Mrs. Sarah E. Jolly, A. M. Charter issued by Grand Chapter of New York, dated December 24, 1879, surrendered. Organized by J. H. Hayford (Grand Master), Special Deputy.

In addition to the Special Deputies appointed as above, there have been appointed as

DEPUTIES OF THE M. W. GRAND PATRON:

Bro. A. H. Van Deusen, Albany, N. Y., for the Province of Ontario.

Bro. Leonard Lewis, Minneapolis, for the State of Minnesota.

Bro. E. E. Savage, of Shell Rock, and Sister (Mrs.) Jennie E. Mathews, of Rockford, for the State of Iowa.

Bro. W. W. Culver, White River Junction, Vermont, for the State of New Hampshire.

Bro. Daniel W. Coxe, of Fremont, for the State of Ohio.

Bro. Albert O. Ingalls, Lead City, for Territory of Dakota.

Bro. Theodore Merriman, Chico, for the State of Texas.

Bro. James M. Thomas, Baltimore, for the State of Maryland.

Bro. Ewan Burney, Nashville, for the State of Tennessee.

Bro. Chas. L. Thomas, Watsonville, California, for the State of Oregon.

The efforts of Brother Lewis resulted in the organization of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota on the 27th day of June, 1878, and those of Sister Mathews in the organization of the Grand Chapter of Iowa on July 30, 1878. The "Grand Lodge of Adoptive Masonry," of Michigan, at its session in October, 1878, conformed its organization to that of the rest of the Order, and adopted the Ritual. In consequence of these changes, seven of the Chapters granted charters at the last session of this Body, and one holding a charter granted since, passed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and two under that of the Grand Chapter of Michigan.

THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Is as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	$ 102 69
Rituals sold	1,180 57
Ode Cards sold	67 00

Signets sold	345 08	
Petitons sold	15 08	
Ribbon sold	16 42	
Dimits sold	6 00	
Badges sold	55 00	
Summonses sold	1 36	
Charter fees, less supplies	180 75	
		$1,970 45

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rituals	$ 824 67	
Odes	41 42	
Signets	299 52	
Petitions	10 55	
Ribbon	16 00	
Dimits	5 60	
Badges	169 00	
Summonses	2 50	
Burial Ceremonies	12 50	
Charters	21 32	
Stationery	86 09	
Printing Proceedings	48 80	
Postage and Telegrams	106 68	
R. W. G. Secretary, order G. G. C.	50 00	
W. G. Sentinel, order G. G. C.	10 00	
		$1,704 65
Balance		265 80

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$ 265 80	
Due from Grand Chapters and others	68 94	
Cost of Merchandise on hand	500 00	
		$834 74

These figures fully demonstrate that the revenues derived from sales of Rituals at a price 25 per cent. less than they had ever been sold for before the organization of this Body, and the fees for Charters of Chapters in the Territory under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, are and will be sufficient for the payment of all necessary expenses of the same. The expenses since our last meeting have been much heavier than they need to be again. The electro-

type plates of the Ritual and Ode cards have been paid for once for all. There has also been pressed upon us the necessity of defending our just rights in the publication of the Ritual, and the maintenance of our jurisdiction over territory not occupied by any existing Grand Chapter. In doing this some of the officers of this Body were collectively and individually made the objects of virulent personal attacks, which they entirely disregarded, but confined their efforts to laying before the members of the Order *true* statements of facts.

In closing, I must congratulate all here present upon the great unaniminity with which the objects of this Body have been promoted by the various Grand Chapters and by members individually. It is hoped and believed that the day is not far distant when every State will have its Grand Chapter of our Order, and all will be in harmonious unity, as a result of the efforts of this Body.

Thus far it has succeeded beyond the highest hopes of its most ardent promoters, and the prospects for the future are certainly very encouraging.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

The M. W. Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

Credentials—Emily Rolfe, Isaac W. Blake, and Sarah L. Marsh.

Finance and Ways and Means—Ada A. Libbey, Jennie E. Mathews, and John D. Vincil.

Unfinished Business—Marshall Smith, E. L. Pendleton, and Daniel G. Burr.

Jurisprudence—David B. Purinton, Willis Brown, and Louisa J. Moore.

Appeals and Grievances—J. Norwood Clark, Laura N. Young, and E. H. Towne.

Charters—James E. Cadle, Mary A. Hepler, and Nettie Ransford.

The General Grand Chapter then took a recess of fifteen minutes.

Upon resuming work on motion of Brother Willis Brown, the addresses of the M. W. Grand Matron and M. W. Grand Patron were referred to a committee of three for distribution, and the M. W. Grand Matron appointed John M. Mayhew, George Sawin, and Mrs. Laura N. Young, as such committee.

The Committee on Credentials then submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully report that the following persons are present and entitled to seats in this Body:

Thomas M. Lamb, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Elmira Foley, M. W. Grand Matron.
Willis Brown, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
John M. Mayhew, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Willis D. Engle, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Mary A. Hepler, W. Grand Associate Conductress.
Mrs. Mary E. M. Price, W. Grand Adah.
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, W. Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Emily Rolfe, W. Grand Esther.
Mrs. Laura N. Young, W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, W. Grand Electa.
Mrs. Eva McHugh, W. Grand Warder.
William M. Black, W. Grand Sentinel.
Henry G. Thayer, W. Grand Marshal.

P. M. W. Grand Matron—Elizabeth Butler.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

CALIFORNIA—Mrs. Emily Rolfe, P. G. M.
Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, P. G. M.
I. J. Rolfe, P. G. P.
R. C. Gaskill, P. G. P.

ILLINOIS—Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, P. G. M.
Mrs. Laura N. Young, P. G. M.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. G. M.
Daniel G. Burr, P. G. P.

INDIANA—Mrs. Mary E. M. Price, P. G. M.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. G. M.
Henry G. Thayer, P. G. P.
Willis D. Engle, P. G. P.

IOWA—G. H. Jackson, P. G. P.

KANSAS—Mrs. Mary A. Hepler, P. G. M.
Mrs. Mary H. Buck, P. G. M.
Rev. Daniel W. Coxe, P. G. P.

MICHIGAN—Mrs. Sarah L. Marsh, P. G. M.
Mrs. D. C. Purinton, P. G. M.
Mrs. E. L. Pendleton, P. G. M.
David B. Purinton, P. G. P.

MISSOURI—Mrs. Louisa J. Moore, P. G. M.
James E. Cadle, P. G. P.
John R. Parson.

NEBRASKA—Mrs. H. C. Smith, P. G. M.
Mrs. Jennie L. Jackson, P. G. M.
Edwin Davis, P. G. P.

NEW JERSEY—John M. Mayhew, P. G. P.

REPRESENTATIVES.

CALIFORNIA—Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, proxy for Grand Matron.

ILLINOIS—S. A. McWilliams, M. D., proxy for Grand Patron.
George Sawin, proxy for Grand Patron.

INDIANA—Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Matron.
Wm. G. Burnett, Grand Patron.
Albert H. Kaiser, Associate Grand Patron.

IOWA—Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Matron.
J. Norwood Clark, Grand Patron.

KANSAS—Mrs. Myra Mottram, Associate Grand Matron and proxy for G. M.
Willis Brown, Grand Patron.
A. D. McConaughy, Associate Grand Patron.

MASSACHUSETTS—Thomas M. Lamb, Grand Patron.
E. H. Towne, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN—Mrs. Nellie S. Corey, Grand Matron.

MINNESOTA—Isaac W. Blake, Grand Patron.

MISSOURI—James E. Cadle, proxy for Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA—Marshall Smith, Grand Patron.
E. A. Allen, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Charles P. Needham, Associate Grand Patron.

NEW JERSEY—Mrs. Selina Kinnard, Grand Matron.

EMILY ROLFE,
ISAAC W. BLAKE,
SARAH L. MARSH,
Committee.

Brother Willis D. Engle moved that the Constitutional Law of this Body in relation to the power and privileges of voting be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

After considerable discussion, on motion of Brother Henry G. Thayer, the motion was laid upon the table.

Sister Mary A. Hepler moved that Brother Rob. Morris be invited to be present and take part in the proceedings of this session, and that he be made an honorary member of the General Grand Chapter, and that a committee of two be appointed to wait upon him and inform him of this action, which was unanimously concurred in, and Mary A. Hepler and George Sawin were appointed such committee.

The General Grand Chapter at 2 o'clock P. M. took a recess for one hour.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 20, 1880.

The M. W. Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter to labor at 3 o'clock P. M.

Brother Willis D. Engle moved to set the time for the election of officers at 10 o'clock to-morrow morning.

Brother Marshall Smith moved to amend by striking out "10 o'clock to-morrow morning" and inserting "4 o'clock this afternoon."

Brother Willis Brown moved to amend by striking out "at 4 o'clock this afternoon" and inserting "immediately."

The amendment of Brother Brown was adopted. The amendment of Brother Smith as amended was then adopted. The motion of Brother Engle as amended was then adopted, and Brother George H. Jackson, Albert H. Kaiser, and David B. Purinton were appointed tellers.

After ballots had been had, the following officers were declared duly elected:

WILLIS BROWN, M. W. Grand Patron.
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, M. W. Grand Matron.
DAVID B. PURINTON, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
MRS. ADA A. LIBBEY, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
WILLIS D. ENGLE, R. W. Grand Secretary.
MRS. JENNIE E. MATTHEWS, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The M. W. Grand Matron-elect subsequently announced the appointment of the following officers:

REV. DANIEL W. COXE, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
MRS. NELLIE M. OWENS, W. Grand Conductress.
MRS. LOUISA J. MOORE, W. G. Associate Conductress.
MRS. M. LOUISE LEWIS, W. Grand Adah.
MRS. SARAH E. SISSON, W. Grand Ruth.
MRS. NELLIE S. COREY, W. Grand Esther.
MRS. H. C. SMITH, W. Grand Martha.
MRS. LAURA N. YOUNG, W. Grand Electa.
MRS. EVA MCHUGH, W. Grand Warder.
WM. M. BLACK, W. Grand Sentinel.
MARSHALL SMITH, W. Grand Marshal.

The Committee on Addresses submitted the following report:

CHICAGO, ILL., August 20, 1880.

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your Committee on the addresses of the M. W. G. P. and M. W. G. M., would recommend that so much of them as refers to Charters be referred to Committee on Charters; so much as refers to Decisions, reports of Grand Chapter, reports of Subordinate Chapters and duties of R. W. Grand Secretary, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

That part alluding to the deaths of members of this Grand Chapter, be referred to the M. W. Grand Patron and R. W. Grand Secretary.

That the recommendation of M. W. Grand Patron, in reference to change of time of meeting, be referred to Committee on Jurisprudence.

The recommendation in reference to reduction of tax on Grand Chapters, be referred to Finance Committee.

In regard to the subject of organizing a charitable institution, your committee would submit, that while they fully agree and concur in all the suggestions of the M. W. Grand Matron, and that one of the first and highest objects of our Order is to protect those so closely united to us by ties of kindred and love, yet we feel that the time has not yet arrived when the Order can accomplish such a purpose. But your committee are sanguine in the belief that in the not very far distant future such an institution can and will be established.

JOHN M. MAYHEW,
GEORGE SAWIN,
LAURA N. YOUNG,
Committee.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business respectfully report that they find nothing requiring your attention, save that a report is due from the Committee on Hailing Sign appointed at the last stated meeting. (*Vide* page 16 of printed proceedings.)

MARSHALL SMITH,
D. G. BURR,
E. L. PENDLETON,
Committee.

The Initiation Ceremonies of the Order were then exemplified.

Brother Willis Brown was then installed as M. W. Grand Patron by the M. W. Grand Matron; it being necessary for him to leave the city immediately.

Brother Thomas M. Lamb submitted, in writing, certain proposed amendments to the Constitution as recommended in

the address of the M. W. Grand Patron, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances submitted the following report:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances take pleasure in reporting that no business has come before us. Peace and harmony prevail throughout our borders. Thus may it ever be.

J. NORWOOD CLARK,
E. H. TOWNE,
LAURA N. YOUNG,
Committee.

The General Grand Chapter then took a recess until nine o'clock P. M.

FIRST DAY—EVENING SESSION.

FRIDAY, August 20, 1880.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 9 o'clock P. M., and the following officers were publicly installed by the M. W. Grand Matron, Brother John J. Sproull acting as W. Grand Marshal:

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, M. W. Grand Matron.
DAVID B. PURINTON, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
MRS. ADA A. LIBBEY, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
WILLIS D. ENGLE, R. W. Grand Secretary.
MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
MRS. LOUISA J. MOORE, W. Associate Grand Conductress.
MRS. NELLIE S. COREY, W. Grand Esther.
MRS. LAURA N. YOUNG, W. Grand Electa.
MRS. EVA MCHUGH, W. Grand Warder.
WILLIAM M. BLACK, W. Grand Sentinel.
MARSHALL SMITH, W. Grand Marshal.

The Committee appointed to wait upon Bro. Rob. Morris, reported that he was in waiting, whereupon he was introduced

and cordially welcomed by the M. W. Grand Matron, to whom he responded in some very appropriate and interesting remarks.

During the evening a very interesting literary and musical entertainment was given to the members, visitors, and friends of the General Grand Chapter, under the auspices of members of the Order in Chicago.

The General Grand Chapter was then called off until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

SATURDAY, August 21, 1880

The General Grand Chapter resumed business at 9 o'clock A. M., Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, M. W. Grand Matron, presiding, and Bro. Thomas M. Lamb, acting as M. W. Grand Patron.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Bro. T. M. McClain.

Brother Rob. Morris was invited to a seat in the East, was introduced and saluted with the Grand Honors, whereupon he made some quite extended and interesting remarks. (See Appendix.)

The minutes of yesterday's sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Finance and Ways and Means submitted the following report, which was concurred in:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

Your Committee on Finance and Ways and Means, to whom was referred the books, accounts, vouchers, etc., of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, have examined the same and find them correct in every particular. The office of R. W. Grand Secretary requires a thoroughly competent person, and we wish to bear testimony to the invaluable services of our R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Willis D. Engle. Every one conversant with the position, or interested in the Order, must know that his duties are arduous and unceasing, and as

he transacts nearly all the business during the recess of this Body, he should receive an adequate compensation for his services; but, as the finances of the Body do not justify this, we would recommend that in accordance with the suggestions of our M. W. Grand Patron, and as a token of our appreciation of his earnest labors, he be allowed the sum of $250 for services since the last stated meeting, and $150 per annum in the future.

We should also recommend that the sum of $10 be allowed the W. Grand Sentinel for services during the present session.

We also recommend, in accordance with the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Patron, that Section 2, Article VII of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "five" and substituting the word "two."

Respectfully submitted,

ADA A. LIBBEY,
JENNIE E. MATHEWS,
Committee.

The Committe on Jurisprudence submitted the following report, which was considered and adopted by sections, and as a whole.

TO THE M. W. GRAND MATRON, M. W. GRAND PATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Patron's address as refers to the decisions made by him during the interim of the General Grand Chapter; reports of Grand Chapters, to the General Grand Chapter; reports of Subordinate Chapters, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. and change of time of meeting of the General Grand Chapter, would respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and would recommend as follows:

That the decisions of the M. W. Grand Patron be approved.

That the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to receive the printed proceedings of the Grand Chapters for the report required by Article 14 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, when such printed proceedings contain all the information required by said Article 14, and that no amendment be made to the Constitution in regard to the reports from the Grand Chapters.

That Article XV, "Of Subordinate Chapters," be amended by adding a new section as Section 3, as follows:

Section 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1 of this Article shall make annual returns to this General Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number remaining members.

Amend Sesction 20, Article III, by substituting in lieu thereof the following:

It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all States and other territory where no Grand Chapter exists, until such shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the M. W. Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter.

Amend Article VII, Section 2, by striking out the word "five" and substituting the word "two."

Amend Article IV, Section 1, by striking out the words "three years" and substituting therefor the words "five years at such time and place as the first officers, acting as Committee, shall determine, due notice of the same being given to the Order."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

D. B. Purinton,
Willis Brown,
Louisa J. Moore,
Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Committee on Charters submitted the following report:

The Committee on Charters, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Patron's address as refers to the issuing of charters, beg leave to report that we find the action of the M. W. Grand Patron has been in conformity to law, and recommend that it be approved.

James E. Cadle,
Mary A. Hepler,
Nettie Ransford,
Committee.

A communication from Master Oscar L. Mathews, which accompanied a floral contribution for the decoration of the Chapter room, was read and ordered filed.

The committee appointed at the last stated meeting submitted the following report:

The committee appointed at the last session to consider the expediency of adopting a hailing sign have given careful attention to the subject assigned them. An extensive correspondence with prominent

members of the Order in different sections of the country lead us to the conclusion that the signs we now have are sufficient for all practical purposes in the present condition of the Order. We therefore recommend that no further action be taken in the matter.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
THOMAS M. LAMB,
MRS. M. A. OLDMAN,
JOHN M. MAYHEW,
Committee.

The following communication was read:

WATSONVILLE, CAL., August 11, 1880.

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, O. E. S.:

The undersigned, Grand Patron and Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California, O. E. S., hereby extend to your R. W. Grand Body a cordial and fraternal invitation to hold your next session in the City of San Francisco, promising you in the name of the O. E. S. a genuine and hearty California welcome.

CHARLES LEWIS THOMAS,
Grand Patron.
NELLIE M. OWENS,
Grand Matron.

This hearty invitation was ably seconded by Sisters Libbey and Rolfe, and Brothers Gaskill and Rolfe.

Sister Nettie Ransford moved that the communication be spread upon the minutes, and that the desire be expressed that the five principal officers of this Body will be pleased to fix the time and place of the next stated meeting at San Francisco, at about the time of the next Triennial Conclave of the Knights Templars.

Sister Mary E. M. Price moved to amend by fixing the place of the next stated meeting at San Francisco, at about the time of the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templars, the date to be fixed by the five principal officers of this Body.

Brother R. C. Gaskill moved as a substitute the following:

Resolved, That there be held a session of the General Grand Chapter in the City of San Francisco in the year 1883, commencing on the

third Friday in August. *Provided,* that this shall not prevent the first five officers from calling a session at such time and place as they may deem best between that time and this.

Pending the decision of the question, the visitors present were invited to speak upon the subject, whereupon remarks were made by Sisters Bario, of Connecticut, and Thomas, of New York.

The substitute offered by Brother Gaskill was then adopted.

On motion of Sister Jennie E. Mathews, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Grand Chapter are due, and are hereby tendered, to its Officers and Committees, who have worked so earnestly, faithfully and successfully to carry out its objects and aims.

A communication was read from Miriam Chapter No. 1, of Chicago, inviting the members and visitors to attend a meeting of that Chapter this evening, and witness the exemplification of the work.

At one o'clock P. M., the General Grand Chapter was called off for one hour.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

SATURDAY, August 21, 1880.

The General Grand Chapter resumed business at 2 o'clock P. M.

Sister Ada A. Libbey, moved that a committee of three be appointed to draw up a form for opening and closing Grand Chapters, with full power to act, and publish their report, which was not adopted.

On motion of Sister Emily Rolfe, it was ordered that the natal day of Brother Rob. Morris (August 31) be appointed as a festal day of the Order.

On motion of Brother John M. Mayhew the R. W. Grand Secretary was authorized to have one thousand copies of the proceedings of this meeting printed, and instructed to send a copy of same to every Subordinate Chapter in the country, in addition to the usual copies to Grand Chapters and others.

On motion of Sister Ada A. Libbey the thanks of the Body were tendered to the Chapters and members of the Order in Chicago, for their kind hospitalities extended to members and visitors hereof.

Remarks of a profitable and interesting nature were then made by Sisters Selina Kinnard, Grand Matron of New Jersey; Addie C. S. Bario, Past Grand Matron of Connecticut; Nettie Ransford, Grand Matron, and Mary E. M. Price, Past Grand Matron of Indiana; Jeannie E. Thomas, Past Associate Grand Matron of New York; Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Matron of Iowa; Ada A. Libbey and Emily Rolfe, Past Grand Matrons of California; Elizabeth Butler, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Laura N. Young, Past Grand Matron of Illinois; and by Brothers R. C. Gaskill, Past Grand Patron, of California; John R. Parson, Grand Secretary, and Milton H. Wash, of Missouri, John J. Sproull, Past Grand Secretary, of New York, Thomas M. Lamb, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron of Massachusetts; John M. Mayhew, Past Grand Patron, of New Jersey; and Rev. T. B. McClain and Willis D. Engle, Past Grand Patron of Indiana.

Brother R. C. Gaskill was invited to act as M. W. Grand Patron, Brother T. M. Lamb being called away.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

All present formed a circle around the altar and sang "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in ardent love." Prayer was then offered by Rev. Brother T. B. McClain, acting V. W. Grand Chaplain, whereupon the General Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
M. W. Grand Matron,
WILLIS BROWN,
M. W. Grand Patron.

ATTEST:

Willis D. Engle

R. W. Grand Secretary.

APPENDIX.

ADDRESS OF THE M. W. GRAND MATRON.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

We assemble again in our third stated meeting after a period of more than two years. Many changes have taken place, and many incidents affecting our Order—some full of pleasant memories and some of sadness. We enjoy life and health, and the satisfaction of again meeting in General Grand Chapter, for which we should offer our united prayers of thankfulness to the Giver of every blessing, and implore His aid in our present deliberations, that our work may be successful.

Sisters and Brothers, it is my sad duty to announce to you the death of our Grand Chaplain. Our golden chain has been broken. Rev. John Leach died at his home, in New Carlisle, Indiana, on the 10th day of last October. He had been Grand Chaplain of all the Masonic Grand Bodies of Indiana, an active, devoted Mason. "He has ceased from his labors, but his works will follow him."

> "The dead, the sainted dead, why should we weep
> At the last change their settled features take;
> At the calm impress of that holy sleep
> Which care and sorrow never more shall break."

Also, Sister Sarah B. Armstrong, Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, died April 14, 1879, and Sister Josephine S. W. Stilson, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, died February 18, 1880.

We extend to these Grand Jurisdictions our heartfelt sympathy, and recommend that suitable memorial pages be set apart in our proceedings.

Since the last meeting of this Grand Chapter, portions of our country have been visited by that terrible scourge, yellow fever, dropping the seeds of death from its black wings; and, although the country has in a great measure recovered, yet the foot-prints of this plague may be still seen wherever it went.

> "There's many an empty cradle,
> There's many a vacant bed.
> There's many a lonely bosom,
> Whose joy and light have fled."

Language fails to express our deep sympathy for the sorrows and afflictions of the people. In some parts of the South our Order suffered severely—the Grand Chapter of Mississippi especially, which has not yet recovered from the effects of this scourge. Contemplating these sad scenes we are forcibly reminded of the high mission in which we have engaged. The mission of our Order is to relieve distress, administer to the suffering and carry healing balm to the sorrowing and disconsolate. Sisters, when we exemplify in our lives the virtues taught by our heroines, then will success for our Order follow. We have not all the same capacities, but as the work of our Order is diversified, there is something all can do. Stop one painful heart throb, dry one tear of sorrow, and your life will not have been a failure. We have often, when contemplating the life and usefulness of some earnest worker in the cause of humanity, felt a sense of pain at our own limited ability. We sigh to see the great ocean of distress stretching out before us at the consciousness of our weakness. It is painful to think of the dreary stretches of life, barren of all loveliness. When the journey of life is over, a waste and dreary desert, the soul parching with thirst, one kind word, one sympathizing look, is "like the shadow of a great rock in a weary land." Who can estimate the soothing influence of unselfish charity?

My correspondence has been pleasant and a source of much information in relation to the condition of the Order in several jurisdictions. The Order is generally in a good condition, and is progressing as rapidly as is consistent with health and permanency. It is to be regretted that some of the State Grand Chapters have not united with this General Grand Chapter, as uniformity in Ritual and law is certainly desirable. Some of them are discouraged from doing so by their remoteness from the usual places of meeting of the General Grand Chapter and the fear of entailing too much expense. This is a reason which is not without force, and shows a prudent action on the part of such Grand Bodies. We hope, however, they may see their way clear, and that the corresponding benefit derived from such connection would more than counterbalance the expense incurred. We extend

our courteous congratulations to all the Grand Chapters that are working in our noble cause, and bid them God-speed in their work of love and charity.

I have made no recommendations in relation to our laws, as this Body is rather a revising than a legislative Body. The great object for which the General Grand Chapter was organized was to leave the several jurisdictions to make their own laws, subject only to certain rules or land-marks of a general character. The work of the General Grand Chapter so far has been eminently successful, and presents our Order as a distinct organization and only connected to Masonry through ties of relationship, but furnishing a well organized system through which the wives, sisters, mothers, daughters and widows of Masons can aid in the noble work for humanity, so long inculcated by that ancient institution. We do not present the Order of the Eastern Star as Masonry, but greatly honor the noble spirits who have inaugurated this Order—not only as a means of enabling us as relatives to engage in the great work, but uniting more closely the ties of sympathy between the families of Masons. We meet to-day, after one of the largest Masonic gatherings the country has ever witnessed—the gathering of thirty thousand Sir Knights and as many more other Masons—coming from all parts of the country, attesting the strength of the Masonic bond. Many of those eminent members of the fraternity are with us on this occasion, and are warm friends of our Order, and I trust their influence will be given for its extension.

The question of establishing some charitable institution for the care and education of the children of deceased Masons is being discussed in some State Grand Chapters, and as there is a difference of opinion in relation to the success of such a move, and as our Order is young and possibly not yet fully able in any one jurisdiction to undertake such a move, it would not be out of place to suggest an expression from the representatives of the several States as to the propriety of uniting our forces, and, if thought advisable, to inaugurate a move looking to the establishment of a home and industrial school for the widows and orphans or our Order who are unable to provide for themselves. I am not unmindful of the great difficulties attending such an undertaking, and therefore make no recommendations, but leave the question to be determined as you may think proper. Our Order should inaugurate no impracticable undertaking, yet we require something to give proper stimulus, direction and interest to our efforts —something that will build up an enduring monument and testify to the earnestness of our zeal in the cause of benevolence.

Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter, my official labors are over, and soon I shall bid "farewell" to you all—and, perhaps, to most of you until we meet on the other shore. If in my official life I have been instrumental in helping to give permanency to our Order, if I have done anything to aid the progress of our noble cause, I am amply rewarded. I surrender the position you so kindly gave me over two years ago, and follow it with my earnest prayers, that on whomsoever it may fall, light and inspiration from our Heavenly Father may illuminate her pathway. I return you my sincere thanks for the honor you have conferred in selecting me as your M. W. Grand Matron.

I have done the best I knew to promote the interest of our Order. If I have failed, it has been for lack of judgment and not for want of interest in the cause. May the smiles of our Heavenly Father rest upon our Order and its membership; may our zeal grow stronger in promulgating the principles of Love, Purity, Benevolence and Truth, and when our work on earth is finished, may we meet in "that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens."

ELMIRA FOLEY,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ADDRESS OF THE M. W. GRAND PATRON.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON,

AND SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

Your presence to-day evidences the successful issue of an important era in the history of our Order.

The Eastern Star, historically, is marked by three distinct eras. The first is its origin and introduction by our distinguished brother, Robert Morris. Although in its growth it has passed beyond his conception of its purpose and needs, we shall ever be indebted to him for the germ that has matured into a system of promising usefulness.

It does not appear that our brother originally contemplated Chapter organization, but rather the introduction of certain signs, by means of which the Mason's wife, daughter, widow, mother and sister may be able to make themselves known as such to all members of the Masonic fraternity. These signs, together with what are known as the histories of the five heroines of the Order, were to be communicated freely to all Masons and their eligible relatives, under the name of Eastern Star Degrees of Adoptive Masonry. It was hoped that its universal acceptance by the Masonic fraternity would not only furnish

the ladies the means of obtaining recognition, as those entitled to protection and special regard for Masons, but also more deeply interest them personally in an institution that ostensibly regards itself under special obligation to secure their permanent welfare.

During this introductory era of twelve or fifteen years our brother was unwearied in his efforts to interest the fraternity, and its families, in the beneficent purposes of his new system. Lodges and public assemblies of Masons and their families were visited, and the lectures and signs freely communicated. Our brother informs us that during this era he had himself communicated the degrees to more than ten thousand ladies.

THE ORIGINAL SYSTEM IMPRACTICABLE.

But it was soon apparent that the methods adopted were ill advised for any practical purpose. The signs thus communicated become useless, because soon forgotten, and their purpose too limited to interest those for whom they were designed. The Masonic fraternity, seeing none of the elements of a practical system in the degrees as presented, and the term "Adoptive Masonry" being objectionable, as having no practical significance, but tending to mislead, became actively opposed to the communication of these so-called side degrees, and in some States edicts were issued prohibiting the use of Masonic apartments for that purpose. Without an enlargement of its purpose, and the adopton of new methods, the Order would soon have become numbered among forgotten systems.

THE DEMAND OF THE AGE.

But there existed in the brother's purpose the germ of a system that was demanded by the current of American life. The spirit of the age had demanded an extension of woman's influence and usefulness. It had called her to stations of the greatest responsibility as author, teacher, preacher and physician, and made her a prominent factor in all the moral, intellectual and social activities of society. To fit her for these responsible trusts, it had opened for her the doors of college, schools of art, medicine, theology, and all avenues leading to the highest branches of culture. Shall the spirit that is moving all other institutions in woman's behalf leave Masonry untouched? By ancient, and perhaps not unwisely established laws, women can not become Masons; but can no means be devised whereby the means of culture, and peculiar benefits accruing to the Masonic brother, shall be extended to his wife, daughter, widow, mother and sister? This was the practical question which the spirit of the age was presenting to Masonry and our brother was the bearer of its dispatches.

As an outgrowth of the truths he had scattered, a practical system of organization for the Eastern Star was devised, and dissemination of its light, and practical government, made to conform closely to Masonic methods. It now received the warm sympathy and active support of prominent Masons. Its Chapters were very freely admitted to Masonic apartments, and in due time Masonry's beneficent purposes in woman's behalf shall become more than a promise.

THE SECOND ERA.

The Order now entered upon its second historical era. The morning of its perfect day had dawned. There was before it a broader field of labor and a grander mission. No longer were the ladies to be listless recipients of useless signs, and the Masonic fraternity invited to support an objectionable system. The signs and accompanying lessons became vitalized through the impressive ceremonial and symbolism of Chapter work. Through the influence of social organizations the ladies of the Masonic household were brought into closer sympathetic relationship to each other and the Masonic fraternity. In positions of official responsibility, and under the influence of the often repeated lessons of charity and loving kindness, taught around a common altar upon which rests the solemn pledges of mutual regard for each other's welfare, the Mason's wife and daughter may find in the Chapters of the Eastern Star the same cultivating influence, and every other advantage that Masonry furnishes to the Masonic brother.

What measureless power Masonry exerts by the line upon line, and precept upon precept, so constantly enforced within the precincts of its instructive halls. The Mason who faithfully performs official duties, or allows to rest upon him the influences of the sublime teachings of his Order, feels that his powers are enlarged, his humane impulses quickened, and his heart and hand made stronger for the ceaseless conflict of life.

What develops the true Masonic heart and mind in the brother will do no less for the brother's wife and daughter. Masonry may retain its distinctive organization and secret work, but the truth that makes the Mason free, may blossom in a kindred organization of equal beauty, utility and strength, for those whose welfare the Mason is taught to regard as his own.

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The first successful organizations under the new system were formed in Michigan in 1866, taking the name of Eastern Star Lodges of Adoptive Masonry. They worked under what was known as "Tatem's Ritual," which contained ceremonies for opening and closing Lodges of the Eastern Star, and conferring its degrees.

A few years later organizations were effected in New York, New Jersey, and other States, taking the name of Eastern Star Chapters, and using a ritual, which was a compilation from various works previously published, with additions by various parties.

The first Grand Body of the Eastern Star was organized in Michigan in October, 1867, and three years later one was organized in New Jersey, New York and Mississippi. Before the close of 1876, Grand Bodies had been organized in the following States, named in the order of organization: Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Mississippi, California, Vermont, Indiana, Connecticut, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas and Massachusetts.

SERIOUS AND GROWING EVILS.

The organization of these Bodies, and the publication of their proceedings, revealed the fact that although the Eastern Star was founded upon a practical system, serious and growing evils had resulted from its peculiar methods of growth as a system and extension. Other things being equal, the usefulness and permanence of such an order is in proportion to the uniformity of its work and law. The publication of different Rituals, and revised editions thereof, under all of which Chapters and Lodges were working, had brought confusion in council, and diversity in work, where there should be unity and uniformity. The evils resulting from this source were rapidly increasing. New Rituals with more radical changes were about to be published in Massachusetts, California and other States, until through inevitable divergence would come isolation and very limited usefulness.

The Order was in the condition of a gallant ocean fleet proudly launched upon a voyage of discovery or conquest. Its several vessels have a common mission, and seek a common port, but are sailing under different and changeable Charts. Instead of a united fleet moving in the strength of union, its different Charts lead the vessels in diverging paths, until scattered over the wide expanse, they become only isolated and aimless craft.

The peculiar methods employed to extend the Order into unoccupied territory, however excusable in the earlier days, had now become a positive evil. The degrees were being conferred at sight in Lodges and public assemblies, and hundreds of Charters and Rituals sold, by irresponsible parties whose interest therein ceased with the sale of their goods. But few of the Charters would result in successful organizations, while the reactionary effect of the many failures was most unfortunate for the Order.

THE REMEDY.

An early remedy for the evils was demanded. But what shall be the remedy? To publish a Ritual, however worthy, that would meet with general acceptance, and to provide a healthy method for the extension of the Order into unoccupied territory, is a two-fold work which no local or State Grand Chapter can successfully undertake. How can it be better done than by making it the specific work of a general representative Body? The calling of a convention, and the formation of such a Body became a necessity, and resulted in the organization of the General Grand Chapter in 1876.

EASTERN STAR'S THIRD ERA.

The Eastern Star now entered upon its third and present era. That the work assigned the General Grand Chapter was great, and beset with many difficultes, you well know. But bravely, wisely and unselfishly, the work was commenced. With admirable wisdom the powers of the Chapter were so limited by its constitution, that it cannot interfere with any essential element of sovereignty belonging to individual Grand Chapters. It is also provided that its sessions shall not be so frequent, nor its work so expensive, as to constitute a burdensome tax upon the Order. With wise forethought the Chapter, at its first session, determined that the Ritual which it should publish should be the result of careful preparation, and in every way worthy of the Order's acceptance. Its preparartion, therefore, was entrusted to a committee representing different sections of the Order, and ample time allowed them for their work. At its next session, in 1878, the work of this committee was reviewed, a Ritual adopted, and a committee appointed to secure its publication.

INTRODUCTION OF THE RITUAL.

The second session of the General Grand Chapter closed; but whether it would sucessfully accomplish the great work it had undertaken was yet an unsolved problem. Without an acceptance of its Ritual by a large majority of the Grand Chapters, the effort to remedy existing evils would prove a failure.

In due time the Ritual was published, and submitted to the Grand Chapters for their approval. The result exceeded our most sanguine expectations. With most gratifying unanimity the Ritual was readily accepted by a very large majority of the Order, and in twelve of the sixteen Grand Chapters now existing, it has become the only authorized work within their respective jurisdictions. When we consider the expense attending the discarding of old Rituals, and the purchasing of new, by so many Chapters, and the labor involved in learning and

putting in practice a new work, this early result is very gratifying evidence of the complete sucess of your well-timed efforts to rescue the Order from a general and a growing evil.

Of the 308 active Chapters existing, 244 of them are working under your Ritual. Of the 1,860 persons initiated in 1879, 1,540 of them received the light of our Order in conformity with your prescribed ceremonial. I feel assured that the time is near at hand when the entire Order will be blessed with a uniform work, and stand, by your efforts, redeemed from imminent peril.

ROBERT MACOY.

I should be remiss in official duty, if, following my inclination, I pass unnoticed a matter in which your committee for the publication of the Ritual were required to take some action for the protection of your rights and interests.

Soon after the publication of the Ritual, in November, 1878, each member of your committee, and the printers, received a letter from a legal gentleman in New York, saying that he had been retained by Mr. Robert Macoy to prosecute us individually for forfeiture and damages, for violation of his copyright upon the Ritual published by him in 1876. The letter stated that, "Failing to hear frow you within ten days, I shall proceed against you in the United States Court." A full copy of this letter and our reply by counsel is on file with the R. W.Grand Secretary.

If Mr. Macoy's preposterous claims of ownership of the Ritual work of our Order should be sustained, the Eastern Star would be thrown powerless into the hands of one man. A copyright is of no value unless the party claiming its benefits is wholly or substantially the author of the work copyrighted. The Ritual and its several revisions, published and copyrighted by Robert Macoy are almost entirely the work of other brains than his own. The revisions were mostly the work of committees regularly appointed by the Grand Chapter of New York. The latest revision by that Body was made by a committee appointed in 1875. The Grand Patron, in his annual address, in 1876, speaking of that committee, said: "At the last session of this Grand Chapter, a committee was appointed, with power, consisting of two Past Grand Patrons, to revise the Ritual. The committee have performed that service, and given great care and incessant labor to their work, and received suggestions from many members long in the Order."

The Grand Patron of the preceding year, alluding to the same subject, said: "The publisher (Mr. Macoy) informs me that he will gladly avail himself of the suggestions of this committee, and will

immediately publish an edition perfect as this committee will make it."

The Ritual published by Mr. Macoy in 1876, contained the revision made by that committee, the result of their "great care and incessant labor." It also contained the revisions made by previous committees; and the remaining portion of the Ritual was almost wholly taken from Rituals published by other parties, or written by persons other than himself. And this is his copyrighted work!

I do not know of any act of greater effrontery than to copyright and claim ownership in the work of other's brains. Of course, such a copyright is valueless.

The Ritual published by the General Grand Chapter has more original matter than has appeared in all the Rituals published by Mr. Macoy, and it is well known that we had access to all the original sources used by him in the compilation of the books he claims to own. Your committee were disposed at first to regard his summons to law as only the idle threat of baffled selfishness; but, knowing that your rights and the Order's interests were only held by us in trust, we deemed it best to take legal advice.

The various Rituals published, and all the facts known to us, were submitted to able counsel, and it appeared, as the result of his examination, that Mr. Macoy's claim is as void in law as in moral right. Our counsel's reply in our behalf was such that nothing further has been heard from the threatened suit. Thwarted in his effort for your injury in this direction, Mr. Macoy soon after published a work, containing less than one-half of our Ritual, and falsely advertised it as an edition of the ritual published by the General Grand Chapter, copies of which were for sale at one-half the price of the authorized work.

Your committee promptly informed the Order of the attempted deception, and expressed the hope that the sisters and brothers would be loyal to the Order they profess to love, and under no circumstances contribute a penny in aid of an unfriendly and selfish enterprise.

Failing in his efforts to lure our members with the bribe of avarice, he has since, in utter disregard of solemn obligations, published and sent broadcast, unsealed, unsolicited, and to those not entitled to receive the same, the secret and other work of the Order—an act which if done in Masonry would cause the perpetrator's expulsion from the Order in lasting disgrace.

I deeply regret the necessity of stating these facts respecting one whose former efforts for the extension of the Order we might re-

member but for the unfortunate light thrown upon them by the facts I have mentioned, and others which I forbear to mention. In warning the Order against the machinations of the evil disposed, and exposing those whose artifices are employed against your interests, we have but discharged our official duty.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER'S JURISDICTION.

I have stated that the General Grand Chapter has a two-fold mission. If it had no other purpose than to provide a Ritual worthy of the Order, and secure its introduction, the necessity for such work, and its remarkable success therein, have amply justified its organization. But it has another important purpose. It must provide a uniform and unobjectionable method for the extension of the Order into unoccupied territory.

To be successful in this portion of its mission, it must, in Eastern Star jurisdictions, exercise the right of eminent domain over all states and territories where no Grand Chapter exists, until such shall be organized therein. Charters emanating from this General Body will bear the ensignia of the highest legal authority, and challenge universal respect. We can hardly over-estimate the importance of this consideration. In the prosecution of this portion of its work the General Grand Chapter will seek the organization of successful Chapters, rather than the sale of numerous Charters. It will encourage the organization of Grand Chapters whenever a sufficient number of Chapters exist to warrant a union for their own government and the extension of the order.

WORK ACCOMPLISHED.

Since our last session, Charters have been issued to successful organizations in Tennessee, Idaho, Iowa, Oregon, Florida, Maryland, Nevada, Indian Territory, Wyoming and Texas. The details of the work in this direction will be given in the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

That the General Grand Chapter has justified the hopes of its friends is evident from the following summary of its work. It has published a Ritual worthy of an intelligent Order. The merits of its Ritual have been recognized, and almost the entire Order are reaping the benefits of a uniform work. Three editions of the Ritual have been published, two of which have been sold, and the sale of the third commenced. The profits arising from the sales have inured exclusively to the Order's benefit, and more than four hundred dollars have passed into the treasuries of the Grand Chapters as their share of such profits. It has established successful Chapters

in ten States and Territories, in two of which Grand Chapters have since been organized, and appointed efficient deputies, who are laboring for the Order's extension. All this it has accomplished without any direct tax being levied upon the Order, except a small one to meet the expenses of its organization. Our revenue has been almost exclusively derived from the sale of Rituals and issuing of Charters. We have no indebtedness, and can make a good exhibit of assets.

THE PRESENT SESSION.

I have endeavored to trace the progress of the Eastern Star through the process of its development, and clearly indicate the evils incident to its peculiar growth. To show that the organization of the General Grand Chapter had become a necessity, and that in wisdom its foundations were laid. That through its wisely limited powers it cannot interfere with any essential element of sovereignty belonging to Grand Chapters, and that its grand two-fold mission is outside and independent of the legitimate work of all other bodies. That through its successful efforts the Order stands redeemed from imminent peril, and proudly hails the future with more hopeful promise.

It is with unfeigned pleasure that I now greet, as a portion of the Order's triumph, the attendance upon this occasion of so large a number of its representatives. You have gathered from its near and far distant altars, and your presence is a voice from the Order, potent in influence, and significant of its purpose. It declares that the grand advance of the Order shall be sustained, and that no vandal hands shall deface the building it has erected. It proclaims the unalterable purpose of the Order to own and control its Ritual and work, and that the General Grand Chapter shall be protected in its just claims to a reasonable revenue from its sale. It recognizes as the Order's law, that henceforth only from this General Body can a legal charter be issued for the organization of a Chapter in states and territories where no Grand Chapter exists, and that the members of clandestine Chapters will find no recognition within the Grand Jurisdictions you represent.

OBITUARY.

Since the last session of this Chapter, the chair of one of its officers has been made vacant by death. The inexorable decree that sooner or later comes to us all, has closed the earthly labors of our late Very Worthy Grand Chaplain and Rev. Brother John Leach. He died at his home, in New Carlisle, Ind., October 10th, 1879, aged 66 years. Our brother was zealous as a member of our Order, distinguished as a Mason, and faithful to his convictions as a Christian minister. He lived respected, and died lamented. We will cherish his memory and emulate his virtues.

DECISIONS.

The Executive of this Chapter, during the interim between its sessions, can give no official decisions other than such as he may give to the Subordinate Chapters organized within its jurisdiction and under its control. If consulted by others, as he necessarily will be, he can only give unofficial counsel or advice. But few other than the ordinary inquiries have been submitted to me by our Subordinate Chapters. The following questions have been presented and decisions rendered:

1. *Question.*—Is it lawful for the Worthy Matron, at the Worthy Patron's request, to do any portion of the work of conferring the degrees that in the Ritual is designated as the Worthy Patron's work?

Answer.—Yes; the Worthy Patron, if present, will be the presiding officer, but he may ask the Worthy Matron to do such portion of the work of conferring the degrees as he thinks best.

In support of this decision, I will add that it is of the first importance that the work be done in the most impressive manner, and I cannot perceive the slightest objection to such mutual division of the work between the W. Matron and W. Patron as will secure the best results.

2. *Question.*—Is it lawful to admit to the Chapter as a visitor, to witness the Order's ceremonies including its secret work, a Mason who is not a member of the order, upon his taking an obligation of secrecy?

Answer.—No. Such practice can only prevail where the simple purpose and methods belonging to the Order's first historical era have not been outgrown.

3. *Question.*—If a Mason, who having only taken an obligation of secrecy, has visited a Chapter, O. E. S., in New York, and witnessed the secret work of the Order, desires to join our Chapter, and has regularly petitioned and been elected, can he become a member by taking the obligation and signing the by-laws, without going through the ceremony of initiation?

Answer.—No. He must receive the degree in due and regular form, which form is that prescribed in the authorized Ritual.

It seems to me that the exemption of Masons from the prescribed ceremonial, and the desire to be so exempted, can only come from the unworthy feeling that the Eastern Star ceremonies were never intended for such superior beings as Masons! But only for such inferior beings as women! Whatever may be said of the older ceremonies, those our Ritual prescribes must challenge the admiration of every intelligent Mason.

4. *Question.*—Is it lawful to perform what is known as the "Floral Work," or any other ceremony, as an addition to or in connection with the prescribed ceremony of initiation?

Answer.—No. The Floral Work, and other rhetorical exercise, are useful when the Chapter seeks diversion or means of culture, but they should in no case be introduced as a part of the initiation ceremony. We may well follow the Masonic rule respecting the prescribed work.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The constitution provides for stated and special meetings of this Chapter, and that the former shall be held at least once in three years. The specific work of the General Grand Chapter is such, and the distance to be traversed by those attending its sessions from some jurisdictions so great that it seems unwise to provide arbitrarily for so frequent meetings. I recommend, therefore, that the constitution be so amended that regular meetings of this Chapter shall be held at least once in five years, at such time and place as the first five officers shall determine; proper and early notices of the same being given to the Order. The change proposed will not prevent more frequent meetings if desired. With such provision for the regular meetings, there can be no possible use for specials, and I recommend that the provisions for such be striken from the constitution.

TAX.

The constitution provides that the General Grand Chapter may, for its support, levy an annual tax upon the Grand Chapters not exceeding five cents per member. No tax has been levied by the Chapter, excepting a small one to meet the expenses of its organization, nor is it likely that any will be needed so long as the Grand Chapters protect your interests from the touch of private avarice. The revenue from other sources promising to be sufficient for an economical and efficient administration, I recommend that the constitution be so amended that the possible tax shall not exceed two cents per member. It is a significant fact that while the members obtain our Ritual at twenty-five per cent. less than the cost of those previously in use, yet most of the Grand chapters will derive an income from their sale sufficient to defray the expenses of one or more delegates to nearly all of the regular meetings of the General Grand Chapter.

REPORTS.

The constitution requires the Grand Chapters to make annual reports to your Secretary, giving an abstract of the reports from their subordinates. As the printed proceedings from those Chapters

contain the information required, I recommend that that provision be stricken from the constitution.

No provision is made for reports from your Subordinate Chapters. I recommend that such reports be required.

JURISDICTION.

While it is clearly understood that this Chapter has exclusive jurisdiction over all states and territories where no Grand Chapter is established, yet the constitution is ambiguous in its statement of the Chapter's powers in this respect, and should be so amended that such power shall be clearly stated.

ELIGIBILITY OF DIMITTED MASONS.

The Ritual states that "Master Masons in good standing in a Masonic Lodge" are eligible to membership in our Order. As there is no uniform rule in Masonic Bodies defining who are to be considered in good standing in the Lodge, I recommend that this Chapter define the term for the government of its Subordinate Chapters.

SECRETARY.

In the assignment of the duties of the R. W. G. Secretary, sufficient notice is not taken of the fact that he must necessarily act as the Chapter's financial agent in the purchase and sale of those few articles from which the Chapter derives its revenue. I recommend such revision of the constitution in this respect as the circumstances require. The duties of that office are more than ordinarily responsible and arduous, and I bear willing testimony to the very faithful and able manner in which they have been discharged by the present incumbent, Bro. Willis D. Engle. But few are aware of the task he has performed. His indefatigable, able and unselfish labors in the Order's behalf, merit a greater return than you will be able to award him. As a partial pecuniary recompense, I recommend such appropriation for his services as the condition of the treasury will permit. I also recommend that during the interval between the present and next session of this Body, the R. W. G. Secretary shall receive a yearly compensation, which must necessarily be contingent upon the current resources.

THE FOUNDER OF THE ORDER.

I have informally invited to be present upon this occasion, one whom the Order will ever remember as the founder of the Order of the Eastern Star—Bro. Robert Morris, LL. D., of Lagrange, Ky. Our brother is not a Chapter member, nor is he in the ordinary sense a member of the Order; but as its founder he *alone* may occupy the exceptional position of membership in the Order universal. I am

assured by the brother that he has watched with deep interest the progress of the Order through the several stages of its growth, and regards the organization and success of the General Grand Chapter as evidence of the Eastern Star's ultimate complete triumph. He bids us Godspeed, and assures me that he will be only too glad to aid us in any way in his power. Such being the case, I am sure that time will only increase the honor with which a grateful Order will remember its founder.

THE FUTURE.

It is not given us to forcast definitely the future of any of the many institutions and orders that form so important an element in our social life. Of them all we can say that to-morrow shall not be as to-day. They must all be changed. Those that are summoned into life at the bidding of society's many transient demands, are writing their histories in sand. The few that are planted in the deep furrows of human experience, and minister to the soul's universal and permanent demands these shall pass from generation to generation, and leave upon each the impress of their beneficent work.. Of such is Masonry. It is founded upon those universally accepted truths that spring from the intuitons of our moral, intellectual and social nature. Masons are companions traveling the journey of a mysterious life. Masonry bids them often enter her temples, and at her shrine consecrate themselves to the practice of those virtues which come from a pure heart and make an upright life. She teaches them that "truth is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good men and true, is the first lesson in Masonry." Her true disciplines are not dwarfed by selfish conceits, but walking in the light of the love they cherish for the fraternity and its sublime principles, their constant growth is towards the statue of perfect manhood. The true Mason, whether he be high or low, rich or poor, walks with his brother upon the level, ever ready to extend the helping hand, or bear the burden of the weary and foot-sore. Through the mystic rites of his Order, the Mason, whether at home or traveling afar, bears with him the magic wand that transforms strangers into brothers and friends.

What Masonry does for the Masonic brother, the Eastern Star shall do for the Mason's wife, daughter, widow, mother and sister. They also shall become companions in the pilgrimage of life, and walk with the brother by the light of the blending rays of their own and the brother's Order. Together they shall enter the temples of the Eastern Star, and consecrating themselves to a pure and useful life, become bound in the bonds of charity and loving kindness. The brother kneeling at such an altar, will feel stronger the obligation resting upon him to walk uprightly, worthy of such companionship. The light

that emanates from our central star, shall lead them to virtues that blossom into true manhood and womanhood. Electa shall teach them loyalty to the truth, and though suffering the wrongs of persecution in its behalf, to despair not of its final triumph—"the eternal years of God are hers." They shall learn fidelity to convictions of right from Adah, who in the morning of life surrendered to the grave the brightest of earthly hopes, that she might prove faithful to her convictions of right, and preserve her father's honor. The constancy of the humble gleaner Ruth shall teach them that there is loveliness among the lowly, and that in every station of life we should be faithful to the demands of honor and justice. They shall learn of that burning love for kindred and friends, that led Esther to risk the loss of crown and life, that she might give light and joy to a despised and captive race. When sore bereavement shall cast them into the valley of sorrow, they shall see Martha beside the grave of her beloved brother, inspired with trustful faith and hope of immortal life. The broken column shall be entwined with evergreen, an emblem that leads the sorrowing heart through the shadow of the tomb to the open portals of eternal day, where faith is lost in sight, and hope crowned with celestial fruition.

Through the mystic rites of our Order, all true sisters and brothers, whether at home or abroad, shall recognize each other as walking in the bonds of a great companionship.

If, recognizing the essential elements of its strength and progress, the Order shall sustain its present advanced position, and permit no inroads to be made upon that uniformity of work so nearly secured; if it shall merit respect as an institution of law and order, by guarding well the issuing of its charters; and if, through its Chapters its social and moral teachings shall become living truths, then shall the Eastern Star perform its destined work, and become the fulfillment of Masonry's promise to those bound to it by the dearest ties. Then also will Masonry have interestel in its behalf a new and powerful influence. Its lodges shall be most prosperous where our Chapters are best sustained, and many that are weak and drooping shall by their influence be raised to activity and usefulness.

Thus blessed, Masonry shall not long withhold its recognition of an Order established to give practical effect to its beneficent purpose in woman's behalf. Upon it shall rest the Masonic approbation as a perpetual benediction. Masonry's warm fraternal hand shall be extended towards its sister Order, and together they shall walk, a blessing to each other and the world. Then shall the Eastern Star be "like a tree planted by the rivers of water that bringeth forth its fruit in its season; its leaf shall not wither, and whatsoever it doeth shall prosper."

Sisters and Brothers. I cannot surrender the trust hesitatingly assumed at your bidding two years since, without expressing my grateful acknowledgements, not only for the confidence reposed in me personally, but for that cordial support which the several Grand Jurisdictions you represent have so readily given to the work of the General Grand Chapter.

While I retire from official responsibility and labor, the latter having been perhaps more than appears, I shall not cease to feel a deep interest in the welfare of this Chapter and its progress in the work specially assigned to it. May wisdom and unselfish regard for the Order's interests ever inspire its counsels, and make it a perpetual blessing to the Order.

THOMAS M. LAMB,
M. W. Grand Patron.

REMARKS OF ROB. MORRIS, LL. D.,

THE FOUNDER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, MADE IN GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, August 21, 1880.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON,
OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

I am too tired after my arduous labor in connection with the Triennial Conclave to speak to you as I would like to of the Order as it is, for my heart is full of interest for it. I will say a word of my personal connection with the origin of the Order. Many of the present leading members have expressed surprise at the little interest I seem to have taken in the Eastern Star of late years. For this there have been two reasons: First—My life has been a very active, though not always a successful one; for twelve years I have devoted my time to explorations in the Holy Land, having been abroad twice, and having sent an agent almost every year. This and other things have kept me poor, and prevented me giving my time to the Eastern Star. If I had been rich, or my time unoccupied, I would cheerfully have put in practical shape the interest I have always felt for it. The Ritual of 1868 was the last active effort I made for it. As I have written Brother Lamb, I am satisfied with what has been done by the officers of this Body in the last three years, and that the basis on which the Order now rests is a permanent one. Second—I have always felt the warmest friendship for Brother Macoy, and friendship is a thing not to be broken for slight cause. This friendship has existed for thirty years, and it would take a great deal to break it.

I disapprove the course he has taken, and have labored unavailingly to restrain him. I would never suffer a hard word to sever true friendship, which is of inestimable value, but would bear many things from friends. Others have borne with my faults, and I will bear with theirs. Brother Macoy's course I have disapproved from the first, although I do not think that he was properly treated at first; yet, that does not justify him in the course he has since pursued. When I was informed of the unexpected honor you conferred upon me, by electing me an honorary member of your Body, I felt very much complimented. I knew how such a motion was rather outside the law, and I appreciate the delicateness which must have been felt about electing a non affiliate to honorary membership. In the future you can command me to the extent of my ability. The idea of forming an Eastern Star degree came to me when I was confined to my house from the effects of an accident, in 1850. For several years I had felt the necessity of some system of what was then called "Lady Masonry." There were several degrees then in existence—such as the Good Samaritan, Heroine of Jericho, and Master Mason's Daughter—but they did not prove successful, and the ladies slighted them. In talking the matter over with my wife, she thought these degrees of little value. I thought that as I had been traveling for several years, and had considerable experience and observation, I could do better. So I set to work and wrought out the whole system, not as it now is, but the basis of what is now. This I first conferred upon my wife and a couple of neighbors, and they pronounced it a success. I see plainly now that if I had given my life to the work it could have been made a great and world-wide institution. I conferred it for many years and upon many thousand people, but it needed some thorough organization to make it more successful; and to that end, in 1855, Constellations were organized upon a Ritual gotten up at great expense, but it was found that the work was too heavy, it being almost impossible in an average town to get ability to render it properly, so that the movement resulted in utter failure. In two or three years Families were organized, the Manual being used as the Ritual thereof. Though several hundred of these were organized, they very soon failed from exactly the opposite cause that ruined the Constellations. There was not enough of a dramatic nature to make the work interesting. In 1868 Brother Macoy made me a proposition that if I would assist him in getting up a Chapter Ritual he would furnish the necessary money to make it a success. This was accepted and carried out. Those here from all parts of this broad land need not be told that it is a grand success. I well remember when there were not in the whole United States as many Knights Templars as are now embraced in the membership of one Commandery of Chicago. Not

until the triennial meeting in Hartford, in 1856, did people look upon Knight Templarism as a success. And what is written of it in the events of the last week! It has passed through difficulties and strifes until it is now a perfect sucess. If any Grand Chapter has any idea of withdrawing from your Body, as Grand Commanderies did from the General Grand Encampment, I would say to them, don't do it; I beg of you. Wait fifteen or twenty years and let the General Grand Chapter have a chance to demonstrate the good that I am sure is in it, and which will result in such a grand success that the Masonic fraternity will accept it as a helpmeet for it, and be surprised that it did not take it up sooner; for, properly worked out, it will form a grand attachement to Free Masonry. This I felt years ago, and I trust the day will come when every Lodge will have in connection with it a Chapter of this Order. The more there are the cheaper they can be run, and the more good can they accomplish. I am sorry to-day that I have not given my own personl attention for thirty years to this matter, and it is with sincere regret that I realize it is too late for me to do the good in it that I could have accomplished if I had begun years ago, but I am glad to know that younger men and women have taken hold of the work with a zeal and wisdom which will assure success; and I say to you: Preserve the Order in unity; frown down all secession; keep the Grand Chapter in rank, for in union there is strength.

When a sister dies she receives the same honor from the Eastern Star that a brother does from the Fraternity, and the little ones are assured of care from kind friends. It is ridiculous to attempt to exclude women from this good work. For forty years the exclusiveness that kept woman out of almost every avenue whereby she might gain a livlihood, has been passing away. Because that in Jerusalem and its vicinity three thousand years ago women were excluded from participating with men in good works is no reason why women to-day should be kept in exclusion. In the Holy Land no woman goes to school or church. I never saw anything more degrading than woman's condition in that land. Shall we treat woman thus? We educate our daughters better than we do our sons. Shall Masonry push them aside? No; a wife is just as interested in it as a husband, and is entitled to rights and privileges to which the Eastern Star enables her to prove her claims.

Now, my kind friends, accept from an old brother and friend his cordial good wishes for the Order's welfare and prosperity; for what it is in my power to do for it you can command me to the utmost. May the blessing of God rest upon you, and hereafter—not in, but beyond the Eastern Star—in those celestial mansions may we all meet, a united family.

STATISTICS

OF CHAPTERS UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

No. of Chapter	Name of Chapter.	Post Office.	State.	Chapter Members	Initiated	Affiliated	Died	Dimitted	Present No. Members
1	O-ho-yo-hom-ma	A-tok-a	Indian Territory	15	3	3	.....	.....	21
1	Friendship	Elko	Nevada	15	14	.....	.....	.....	29
1	Friendship	Dallas	Texas	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
2	Chico	Chico	Texas	16	.....	.....	.....	1	15
1	Alpha	Ashland	Oregon	16	33	2	.....	.....	51
2	Eugene City	Eugene City	Oregon	57	.....	.....	.....	.....	57
3	Adarel	Jacksonville	Oregon	21	4	.....	.....	.....	25
4	Cottage Grove	Cottage Grove	Oregon	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	21
1	Alpha	Baltimore	Maryland	21	16	5	1	.....	41
1	Esther	Gladdice	Tennessee	32	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
2	East Fork	Gallaher's Mills	Tennessee	23	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
1	Mount Idaho	Mount Idaho	Idaho	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
2	Evergreen	Tampa	Florida	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	36
1	Alpha	Laramie	Wyoming Territory	26	.....	.....	.....	.....	26
14				335	70	10	1	1	413

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

Grand Chapters.	Organized.	Active Chapters.	Active Members.	Initiated.
Arkansas	Oct. 2, 1876	8	240	35
California	May 8, 1873	34	2,032	238
Connecticut	Aug. 11, 1874	23	1,859	95
Illinois	Nov. 6, 1875	27	1,862	181
Indiana	May 6, 1874	31	1,321	94
Iowa	July 30, 1878	14	396	90
Kansas	Oct. 18, 1876	18	786	88
Massachusetts	Dec. 11, 1876	7	570	135
Michigan	Oct. 31, 1867	26	1,188	96
Minnesota	June 27, 1878	9	519	54
Mississippi	Dec. 15, 1870	17	729	127
Missouri	Oct. 13, 1875	28	1,368	131
Nebraska	June 22, 1875	9	385	31
New Jersey	July 18, 1870	6	306	29
New York	Nov. 3, 1870	29	1,360	138
Vermont	June 3, 1874	9	363	25
General Grand Chapter	Nov. 16, 1876	14	417	70
Total		309	15,691	1,657

IN MEMORIAM

MRS. SARAH B. ARMSTRONG

THE

FIRST GRAND MATRON

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER of MINNESOTA.

WHO DIED APRIL 14, 1879.

"He mourns the dead who lives as they desire".

IN LOVING MEMORY

OF

MRS. JOSEPHINE S. W. STILLSON

GRAND SECRETARY of VERMONT

WHO DIED FEBRUARY 18, 1880, AGED 33 YEARS.

Though personally a stranger to most of the members of the General Grand Chapter, yet by her zealous attachment to the Order and its principles, she was near and dear to them.

TO THE MEMORY

OF

Rev. John Leach

VERY WORTHY GRAND CHAPLAIN

AND

FIRST GRAND PATRON

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIANA.

WHO DIED OCT. 10, 1879, AGED 66 YEARS.

One of the pioneers of the Order, and an earnest worker.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary E. McClain, Jacksonville.
Grand Patron, W. B. Massey, Searcy.
Grand Secretary, Ben. B. Bradley, Searcy.

CALIFORNIA.

Garnd Matron, Miss Nellie M. Owens, San Francisco.
Grand Patron, Charles L. Thomas, Watsonville.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Abbie E. Wood, San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Matron, Mrs Sarah A. Collum, Hartford.
Grand Patron, T. H. L. Talcott, Glastonbury.
Grand Secretary, Miss Kate L. Tuttle, North Haven.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. M. Lemon, Mattoon.
Grand Patron, Henry R. Kent, Prophetstown.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Laura N. Young, Springfield.

INDIANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis.
Grand Patron, William G. Burnett, Greencastle.
Grand Secretary, William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.

IOWA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Rockford.
Grand Patron, J. Norwood Clark, Iowa City.
Grand Secretary, D. H. Moore, Rudd.

KANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lavonia J. Becker, Newton.
Grand Patron, Willis Brown, Seneca.
Grand Secretary, S. P. Tresslar, Fort Scott.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah E. Sisson, North Easton.
Grand Patron, Thomas M. Lamb, Worcester.
Grand Secretary, Horace A. Richardson, Worcester.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Nellie S. Corey, Bronson.
Grand Patron, W. H. Severance, Middleville.
Grand Secretary, David B. Purinton, Coldwater.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. M. Louise Lewis, Farmington.
Grand Patron, Isaac W. Blake, Zumbrota.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. O. C. Davis, Minneapolis, East.

MISSISSIPPI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Annie T. Clark, Kosciusko.
Grand Patron, John L. Power, Jackson.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sallie J. Lewis, Kosciusko.

MISSOURI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary J. Wash, St. Louis.
Grand Patron, R. F. Dunn, Chillicothe.
Grand Secretary, John R. Parson, St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron, Miss Sarah M. Clark, Lincoln.
Grand Patron, Marshall Smith, Columbus.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sarah C. Baker, Omaha.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Selina Kinnard, Newark.
Grand Patron, W. V. W. Vreeland, Newark.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Martin, Paterson.

NEW YORK.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah A. Greenwood, Brooklyn.
Grand Patron, Robert J. Greenwood, Albany.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Christiana Buttrick, Brooklyn.

VERMONT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. H. Cole, Wallingford.
Grand Patron, H. L. Stillson, Bennington.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. O. J. Stowell, Putney.

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

General Grand Chapter

OF THE

Order of the Eastern Star.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be—

Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Conductress.
Worthy Associate Grand Conductress.

Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Patrons, Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, or their legally appointed proxies, and all Past Grand Patrons and Past Grand Matrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his office and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWER AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it, is reserved to the Grand Chapters, subordinate Chapters, and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all States and other territory where no Grand Chapter exists, until such shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the M. W. Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. It shall have power to decide all questions of Eastern Star law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any subordinate Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction; and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, and its decision so made shall be regarded as of the Supreme tribunal of the Eastern Star in the last resort.

SEC. 4. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 5. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work, and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 6. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter, must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-third vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

OF STATED MEETINGS.

SEC. 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet at least once in five years, at such time and place as the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall determine, due notice of the same being given to the Order, but may meet oftener if it so orders, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meeting.

OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days' notice thereof.

OF A QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE V.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Patron, Most Worthy Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

SEC. 2. A majority of all of the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are brethren, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all who are sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the offices of Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or Most Worthy Grand Matron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

OF VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Grand Patron and Past Grand Matron present, shall be entitled to one vote..

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter representeted shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Patron, the Grand Matron, the Associate Grand Patron, and the Associate Grand Matron, or their proxies, one vote each.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a brother and a sister, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the brethren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each charter to form a new Chapter, where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter may levy such contributions as in its judgment shall be required, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed two cents per annum for each paying member.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at her pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron and the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall each present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 3. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to grant charters to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 4. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Patron may exercise all its executive powers.

SEC. 5. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem.*

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.

It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter; and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy, by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of Most Worthy Grand Patron or Most Worthy Grand Matron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter, and at the end of the term of his office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary,

First—To record all the transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his attestation to all instruments emanating from that body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof, in proper books, and pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report; also of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICES.

SECTION 1. The Very Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any state, country,

district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction; nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first next preceding. These reports shall include the names and postoffice address of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled, and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinates under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is no Grand Chapter, upon proper application: *Provided*, No new Chapter shall be formed in any town where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

SEC. 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1 of this Article shall make annual returns to the General Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number remaining members.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter, the following standing committees, of not less than three members each, the first named to be chairman:

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finance and Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit:

ON CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Grand Chapter represented.

ON FINANCE AND WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance and Ways and Means to examine the books and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secreatry and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take into consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measures which, in their opinion, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

ON CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Grand Chapters under the immediate jurisdicton of the General Grand Chapter, and their By-Laws when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Chapters organized since the previous stated meeting, and the proceedings of the General Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII.

ON AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-third vote, they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR

Conducting the Business

OF THE

General Grand Chapter.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there are a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the Genral Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.*, and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

II. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the Geeneral Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

III. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
2. Appointment of Standing Committees.
3. Annual address of the Most Worth Grand Patron.
4. Annual address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
7. Report of Standing Committees.
8. Report of Special Committees.

9. Election of Grand Officers.
10. Unfinished Business.
11. Miscellaneous Business.
12. Installation of Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, without permission of the presiding officer, or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. All questions shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or roll-call. When voting by hand vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide, except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to such member by the constitution.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

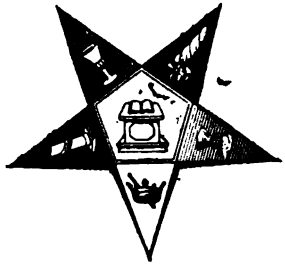
X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off, and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action. And in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-third vote.



RULES AND REGULATIONS

FOR THE

GOVERNMENT

OF

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Every subordinate Chapter, not under the jurisdiction of any Grand Chapter, must have a charter from this General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter shall be deemed legal or regular without such charter, and all communications, public or private, by Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, or the members thereof, with such illegal Chapters formed, opened or holden, or with any members of such illegal Chapter, is hereby interdicted and forbidden.

OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. The elective officers of a Chapter shall consist of Patron, Matron, Associate Matron, Secretary, Treasurer, Conductress, and Asociate Conductress and shall be elected annually by a majority vote of the members present at the stated meeting next preceeding the 27th day of December, anniversary of St. John the Evangelist. The appointed officers

shall consist of Adah, Ruth, Esther, Martha, Electa, Warder, and Sentinel, to which may be added Chaplain and Organist, who shall be appointed by the Matron elect. All the above named officers must be installed at or before the next stated meeting.

VACANCIES IN OFFICE.

SEC. 3. Vacancies in the elective offices, except Patron, Matron and Associate Matron, may be filled by ballot at a stated meeting, the members having been summoned for that purpose. Vacancies in any appointive office may be filled by the Matron at any stated meeting. Vacancies in the first three offices can only be filled by dispensation of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the members being summoned for the purpose.

TO OPEN A CHAPTER.

SEC. 4. The presence of the charter, one the first three officers, and six other members, are indispensable to open a Chapter for the transaction of business.

MEMBERS.

SEC. 5. No person shall be admitted as a member of a Chapter within this jurisdiction, by initiation or affiliation, but affiliated Master Masons, their mothers, wives, sisters, daughters and widows. Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age. No person shall be a member of more than one Chapter: *Provided*, That any Chapter may elect to honorary membership therein any affiliated member of another Chapter; nor shall any member be permitted to withdraw from a Chapter until all dues and indebtedness are paid or remitted.

FEES.

SEC. 6. No Chapter shall confer the degree for a less sum than two dollars.

PETITIONS.

SEC. 7. All petitions for initiation or membership shall be in writing, signed by at least two members of the Chapter, which petition shall be presented at a regular meeting, be referred to a committee for investigation, and lay over until the next regular meeting, unless, by unanimous consent of the members present, it shall be declared a case of emergency, when action may be taken thereon immediately.

INVESTIGATING COMMITEE.

SEC. 8. It shall be the duty of the Investigating Committee to make inquiry as to the character and standing of the petitioner, and, if a lady, also that of the Master Mason through whom she claims to be entitled to membership, and make report thereon in writing, and no action shall be taken on any petition until such report is made. A petition may be withdrawn by consent of the Chapter, at the written request of the petitioner, at any time before balloting.

THE BALLOT.

SEC. 9. A separate ballot must be taken on every petition for membership or the degrees, which must be inviolably secret, without debate, and no inquiries permitted or statements made, as to the character of any one's vote. One or more negative votes rejects the applicant. In case but one negative vote appears, the Matron shall order a second ballot, which shall be final. Every member present must vote, unless excused by the Chapter.

REJECTED APPLICANTS.

SEC. 10. After an applicant for initiation or membership shall have been rejected, the petition may be renewed at the next stated meeting, but shall not be made a case of emergency. No rejected applicant shall be initiated by any other Chapter, within three months after such rejection, without the consent of the rejecting Chapter.

BY-LAWS.

SEC. 11. Every Chapter has the inherent right to make its own By-Laws: *Provided,* They do not conflict with the Constitution or Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SEC. 12. The Patron shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Chapter, advise with and assist the other officers, preside during the conferring of the degrees, and whenever invited to do so by the Matron.

SEC. 13. The Matron shall preside at the meetings of the Chapter, except when the degrees are being conferred; see that the Constitution, Rules and Regulations are strictly enforced; appoint all committees, and see that the officers faithfully perform all their duties. She may call upon the Patron to preside at any time.

SEC. 14. The Associate Matron shall perform the duties appertaining to her office, and, in the absence of the Matron, assume her powers, duties and prerogatives.

SEC. 15. The remaining officers shall perform the duties indicated by their several titles and stations, be subject to the order of the Chapter and to their superior officers.

SEAL.

SEC. 16. Every Chapter shall, within one year from the date of its charter, procure a seal, with the name, number and location of the Chapter, and such other device as it may deem proper, engraved thereon, and no document emanating from such Chapter shall be deemed authentic without the seal affixed.

JURISDICTION.

SEC. 17. The jurisdiction of Chapters for all purposes shall extend to a point, geographically half-way between them; *Provided,* That in towns and cities where two or more Chapters shall be organized, they shall have concurrent jurisdiction,

and it shall be the duty of each and every Chapter to take cognizance of the conduct of every member of the Order within its jurisdiction, whether affiliated or not, for the purpose of enforcing obedience to the laws of the Order and maintaining its good name.

OFFENSES AND PENALTIFS.

SEC. 18. Whatever is a breach of good morals, contrary to the precepts of the Holy Scriptures, or a violation of the laws of the State, or of the United States, is an offense against the principles of this Order, and must be promptly dealt with.

SEC. 19. Any member of the Order who disobeys the order of the presiding officer, or in any manner disturbs the harmony of the Chapter, must be held to a strict account therefor, and upon a repetition of the offense, suspended for a definite time from the privileges of the Order.

SEC. 20. Any member of a Chapter who fails to pay dues is subject to charges, and, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended from all rights and privileges of the Order.

SEC. 21. The only penalties recognized are four:

1. Reprimand.
2. Suspension for a definite time.
3. Suspension indefinitely.
4. Expulsion.

TRIALS.

SEC. 22. No member can be reprimanded, suspended or expelled for any cause whatever, except upon written charges and specifications, and ten days' notice of the time and place of trial.

SEC. 23. Any affiliated member has the right to prefer charges, but in no case can this right be extended to one who is not affiliated.

SEC. 24. Complaints against a Patron or Matron for official misconduct must be made to the Most Worthy Grand Patron or the General Grand Chapter while in session.

SEC. 25. Charges against a Patron or Matron for any offense not growing out of the discharge of his or her official duties must be made to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and if approved by him he will fix a time for trial, and notify the Chapter with a copy of the charges and specifications, and instruct the Secretary of the Chapter to serve a copy upon the accused.

SEC. 26. In all things relating to the trial of a Patron or Matron by his or her Chapter, except as otherwise specified in these Rules, the same proceedings must be had as in the trial of other members.

SEC. 27. All charges must be made in writing, signed by the party making them, specifying with reasonable certainty the character of the accusation, and the time and place of its commission, including the names of witnesses. It shall be presented at a stated meeting, read in open Chapter, and spread upon the record. The presiding officer shall then set a time for trial, and order the Secretary to serve upon the accused a true copy of the charges, and notify him or her of the time set for trial.

SEC. 28. The Secretary may serve the notice either in person or by mail, but when sent by mail twenty days shall be allowed for the accused to receive it, in addition to the ten days.

SEC. 29. The attendance of witnesses on either side, when they are members of the Order, may be enforced by summons, which may be issued by the Secretary when ordered by the Matron or the Chapter.

SEC. 30. At the time set for trial, if the accused fail to appear in person or by counsel, or has absconded before notice is served, the presiding officer may continue the case to some future time, or appoint a competent member to appear for the accused, and hear and decide upon the case as though the accused were present.

SEC. 31. Should the accused appear and plead guilty to the charge and specification, no further evidence is necessary, and the Chapter shall at once proceed to affix the penalty.

SEC. 32. Any affiliated member of the Order may act as counsel for the accused or the Chapter.

SEC. 33. All charges must be heard and decided by the Chapter; in no case can this be left to a committee.

SEC. 34. The accused, when on trial, can not be allowed to vote on any question growing out of his or her case.

SEC. 35. After the evidence shall have been presented, and the prosecution and defendant, by themselves or counsel, have had an opportunity of being heard, the defendant shall retire, and the Chapter shall proceed to decide, by taking a separate ballot upon each charge and specification: first, whether the accused is guilty or not guilty as charged, and if found guilty by a majority of the votes cast, then to fix the penalty, commencing with the highest grade, and so on down until some penalty is determined.

SEC. 36. Should definite suspension be decided upon, the time must be fixed upon motion, but the longest time must be voted upon first.

SEC. 37. Should the Chapter refuse by a majority vote to inflict any penalty after having voted on each grade, the Secretary shall, within three days, certify the fact to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, who may arrest the charter of the Chapter.

RULES OF EVIDENCE.

SEC. 38. The rules of evidence shall be, so far as applicable, the same as in courts of law, except that no oath or affirmation shall be required of witnesses.

SEC. 39. When a witness is a non-resident, and can not attend in person before the Chapter, his or her evidence may be taken before a Patron or Matron, certified by the Secretary under the seal of the Chapter in whose jurisdiction the witness

may reside, both the accused and the accuser having due notice of the time and place of taking the testimony.

SEC. 40. The accused shall be a competent witness, but shall not be required by the Chapter to give evidence unless he or she shall offer to testify.

SEC. 41. The evidence of members of the Order who may not be able to attend the trial, and of the persons not members of the Order, shall be taken in writing by a committee appointed by the presiding officer, of which both parties, if possible, shall have notice.

SEC. 42. At the time and place appointed the committee shall proceed to take evidence of such witnesses, and, after reading to each his or her evidence in the case, request him or her to sign the same. The evidence thus taken shall be read before the Chapter at the time of trial.

SEC. 43. All the evidence given must be reduced to writing and preserved by the Secretary.

SEC. 44. The presiding officer shall decide as to the admissibility of any testimony offered, and all points of law and order which may be raised.

EFFECT OF AND WHAT REMOVES A PENALTY.

SEC. 45. The suspension of a member precludes, for time being, all privileges and benefits of the Order whatever.

SEC. 46. A sentence of suspension or expulsion will be in force from and after the passage thereof, until reversed by the Chapter or the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 47. Any one refusing to submit to the penalty of reprimand is subject to discipline, and, upon conviction thereof, may be suspended or expelled.

SEC. 48. The expiration of the time for which a member stands suspended restores him or her to all the rights and privileges which he or she possessed before the trial.

SEC. 49. The payment of dues, for non-payment of which a member was suspended, restores him or her to full member-

ship; but to restore to that condition a member who has been suspended or expelled for any other cause shall require a majority vote upon a petition for restoration, received at a previous stated meeting which must have been referred to, and reported upon, by a committee of investigation.

SEC. 50. A Chapter may remit the dues of a member, for non-payment of which he or she was suspended, and thereby restore him or her to membership.

SEC. 51. Any member who has been expelled or indefinitely suspended may be restored to membership by the Chapter pronouncing the sentence, or, if said Chapter has ceased to exist, then by the Chapter in whose jurisdiction he or she resides.

NEW TRIALS.

SEC. 52. A new trial may be granted by the Chapter that tried the cause, when a member has been suspended or expelled, in the following cases, and upon the following conditions:

1. Upon newly discovered evidence, which would indicate, with reasonable certainty, a change in the finding of the Chapter.

2. Where the finding of a Chapter is contrary to the evidence, and law, and usage, or the penalty excessive.

SEC. 53. Application fo a new trial must be made in writing, and contain a statement of the causes upon which the application is founded, be presented within ninety days after the trial was had, or within ninety days after the accused is informed of the action of the Chapter.

SEC. 54. Application for a new trial shall be addressed to the Chapter, and in all cases where a new trial is granted, the same rules shall govern as in the first instance.

APPEALS.

SEC. 55. Any member feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Chapter or the presiding officer, may appeal to the General Grand Chapter within one year from the date of such

decision, by filing his prayer therefor in writing with the Secretary of the Chapter, stating therein the error or decision appealed from, when it shall be the duty of the Secretary to make out a full true and complete copy of all the proceedings had, and evidence taken in the case, and certify the same, together with a copy of the appeal to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, within sixty days after said application is made.

SEC. 56. The Most Worthy Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter, on receipt of the transcript and appeal, shall proceed to examine the same upon the papers and evidences so transmitted, and, without additional testimony, shall decide the cause, by confirming the judgment already rendered or remanding the cause for a new trial, with instructions how to proceed: *Provided,* That an appeal will lie from the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the General Grand Chapter.

AMENDMENTS.

SEC. 57. These Rules and Regulations may be amended or repealed at any stated meeting, by the amendment being proposed in writing, referred to, and reported upon, by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and then concurred in by a majority of the members present.

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1880-83.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 17, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter assembled in fourth stated meeting, in Masonic Hall, in B'nai B'rith building, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, M. W. Grand Matron, presiding. Bro. Rollin C. Gaskill, acting as M. W. Grand Patron.

There being no quorum present, the M. W. Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter off until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AUGUST 17, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 2 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron.

The roll of Grand Chapters was called, and it was found that a quorum was not present.

Bro. A. H. Kaiser moved to adjourn until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, which was adopted.

AUGUST 18, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 10 A. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron.

On motion, the R. W. Grand Secretary was instructed to call the roll of Grand Chapters to ascertain if a quorum was present, which being done, it was ascertained that no quorum was present.

Rev. Brother A. F. Hitchcock moved that the General Grand Chapter adjourn until 9 o'clock on Monday morning, August 27.

Brother A. H. Kaiser moved to amend to adjourn until 2 o'clock this afternoon, which was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

AUGUST 18, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron.

The roll of Grand Chapters was called and nine Grand Chapters being found represented, the M. W. Grand Matron proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter, in ample form, with the following officers present:

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, M. W. Grand Matron.
ROLLIN C. GASKILL, as M. W. Grand Patron.
MRS. ADA A. LIBBEY, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
A. H. KAISER, as R. W. A. Grand Patron.
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MRS. ANNIE E. DOUGLAS, as W. Grand Warder.
HENRY SAVAGE, as W. Grand Sentinel.
MRS. FENA W. FORD, as W. Grand Marshal.
And a large number of members and visitors.

Mrs. Ada A. Libbey then delivered an Address of Welcome to the members of the General Grand Chapter, as follows:

To the M. W. Grand Matron, M. W. Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

It becomes my proud and pleasant duty to welcome you, the august exponent of the "Star in the East," to the Occident, where Sol's parting rays linger lovingly on our golden shores.

As the Star of Bethlehem arose clear in the azure of the Orient, may its light in the West be ever pure and bright, making this occasion a land-mark in your history, on which memory may long love to dwell.

Since the Triennial in Chicago in 1880, joy and sorrow have mingled in the tide of our annals. Many Chapters has lengthened their "golden chain" with their shining links, and our Star has indeed flourished "altogether lovely." Well may Robert Morris look with pride upon the results of his noble conception of founding an Order whereby women might become co-workers in the grand aims of our brothers of the Masonic fraternity, and as it spreads its rays to the uttermost parts of our land, we do well to gratefully celebrate his natal day. Peerless among those who are an inspiration to loyalty at duty's shrine, we speak with pride of Willis D. Engle, R. W. G. Secretary, one of the moving spirits in promulgating the principles of our Order, and of his wife, Addie C. S. (Bario) Engle, whose graceful pen has given us so many of the poems we love to sing. Their unselfish devotion will be rememered while the Star in the East sheds a lingering ray.

Since our last meeting a loved member has been gathered by the universal reaper. Bro. Thomas M. Lamb walks no more with us, though his spirit still lingers and wakes a hallowed thrill of regret and emulation at his name.

Of many humbler lives, honored in their respective spheres, it must be said, "they were, but are not," and we breathe a sigh to their memory, feeling that though our dead answer no more on the roll of time, they tread the labyrinth of eternity, and ever beckon us to deeds of charity and love.

It is no idle pastime that calls us here. Each heart beats with a weighty responsibility, and the proud consciousness, that as the highest authority in our Order we have met to work for its greatest good. May the Supreme Being so direct our labors that this end may be fully attained. May our glorious Star, as the life-giving beams of morn, shining alike through life's vicissitudes, in every State of our Union from the Orient to the Occident, from the ice-bound caves of Boreas to the flower-wreathed groves of Auster, glow brighter and brighter to a perfect day — to guide the tempest-tossed as with a beacon light, and gild with ambient lustre the very portals of the tomb.

The duties pertaining to my office during the past three years have been light. I have done very little visiting and but a limited amount of correspondence. Nevertheless my interest in the Order has been constant and zealous.

I love the Order for its fraternal character, and because it tends to the advancement of women.

The yearly record of nearly al the Grand Chapters has reached me. I have read their pages with pleasure and interest, and now return thanks to the kind friends who sent them.

To each and all, in the name of the Order of the Eastern Star in California, I bid a glad and hearty welcome.

May pleasure and joy, fair sisters of day,
Bring perfume of flowers, all dew-dropped and gay.
And a rainbow hued scarf, each day be untwined,
To flutter abroad, in the soft western wind;
That souls from its beauty, may draw new delight
Like the stars from the sun, in his evening light,
And when time again in his course shall greet,
Our Triennial band, at our Matron's feet,
May no "Chapter of Sorrow" with sadness mar
The love-lighted rays of our beauteous Star.

On motion of Sister Nettie Ransford, it was ordered that the address of welcome of the R. W. Associate Grand Matron be printed in the proceedings of this meeting.

On motion, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting of the General Grand Chapter was dispensed with, as printed copies were in the hands of the members.

The M. W. Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

On Credentials.—Brothers A. H. Kaiser, B. R. Rose, Rev. Willis D. Engle, Thomas R. Ercanbrack, Sister Emily Rolfe.

On Finance.—Brother Thomas R. Ercanbrack, Sisters Lucinda Smith, Rosan Rose.

On Unfinished Business.—Brothers George J. Hobe, A. H. Kaiser, Sister Henrietta Whitcher.

On Jurisprudence.—Brothers J. E. Whitcher, Jerome Spaulding, Sisters Jennie E. Mathews, H. R. Ercanbrack Nettie Ransford.

On Charters.—Brother Jerome Spaulding, Sisters Nettie Ransford, Mary A. Flint.

On Appeals.—Rev. Brother A. F. Hitchcock, Sisters Frances E. Ryder, Caroline Seeley.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then read the address of the M. W. Grand Patron, as follows:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

As I seat myself to greet you with the constitutional address with which retiring officers are compelled to inflict their fraternal fellow beings of the Order of the Eastern Star, I think I see in the future the impossibility of my being with you at your far away August meeting. Aside from all claims of duty, and aside from the desire to meet with my old friends in the Order, and increase the list of the many new ones now with you, exists the longing to visit some dear old friends of my childhood who reside on the coast. Argonauts of '49, with whom this meeting was to furnish the occasion of a reunion. The fear that all this must be foregone; the fear that many kind friends and pleasant faces have really been seen for the last time, brings to my heart a feeling of sadness akin to sorrow. I more freely admit that my regret is born of selfishness, as I cannot flatter myself that I shall be missed in your councils to any appreciable extent; but one's friends are few at best, and one does not like to see themselves dropped from the list or forgotten in the hurry of mankind toward the great unknown. Hence my desire to be with you at this meeting, and my regrets. During the time since our last meeting I have enjoyed the pleasure of a glorious anticipation, in which I have met with you many times and often, in which the memories of our past meetings have been revived and associations created for the record of the present, and pleasant reflections of in the times to come.

If I am prevented from being with you I must gather in what philosophy I have and console myself that possibly I am happier as it is. I shall be at one of the pleasantest of homes, surrounded by a merry company of friends, who will be with us for the season, and with broad porches, shady lawns and hammocks, with mirth and music, we shall endeavor to drown the disappointment of our absence from your meeting. We shall think of your dusty ride of 2,000 miles; your pent up quarters; your hurried, heated, restless pilgrimage of mingled duty and pleasure; your weary return, and our sympathy will go out to you, wishing you all the comfort and pleasure you may be able to extract from your surroundings. Let me ask that in your rejoicings the absent be not entirely forgotten. There is one kindly face that you will miss. The one which has come to us in the past from the classic hills of Massachusetts, and brought to us its reflection

of zeal and good judgment; that of he who aided so greatly in raising our Order from out of the depths of an equivocal symbolism to the clearer if less mysterious plain of truth. He whose modest and unostentatious character stamped our organization with candor and sincerity. He was that measure of a man of whom I believe it may be said that he lived according to that sublime injunction of the poet:

"So live that when thy summons comes to join
The innumerable caravan that moves
To that mysterious rea m where each shall take
His chamber in the silent hal s of death,
Thou go not like the quarry-slave at night,
Scourged to his dungeon; but, sustained and soothed
By an unfaltering trust, approach thy grave
Like one who wraps the drape y of his couch
About him, and lies down to pleasant dreams."

So lived and died Thomas M. Lamb.

I suppose it is incumbent upon me to render some account of my stewardship, and I am glad that the account is light. My term of office has been particularly monotonous and particularly pleasant. Our worthy Secretary, Bro. Engle, has been willing to assume about all the responsibility, and I have been willing that he should, and we have dwelt together in peace and unity. I have been the figure-head, and he has done the work. My natural inclination toward a *dolce far niente*, and his activity and zeal have dove-tailed together nicely, and the Order has prospered.

To Bro. Engle more than to any other officer or member of our Order are we indebted for the progressive character of our organization, and I desire to render sincerely that due honor where honor is truly due.

DECISIONS.

Bro. J. M. Thomas, Deputy for Maryland, asks:

"What is the status of a person who has received the degrees of the O. E. S., by sight, in a lawful manner, but who has not affiliated with any Chapter of the O. E. S.; should such a person present an application for membership in a Chapter, i. e, what would be required of such a person in regard to ceremony of initiation, etc.?"

I answered: "That in my opinion no further ceremony of initiation is necessary; if he can prove himself to be a member of the Order on proper examination I would consider him eligible to sit with our Chapter as a visitor, and to affiliate as though a member of some Chapter under dimit.

Submitted by Bro. Engle from Friendship Chapter No. 1, of Elko, Nevada:

"Can the step-daughter of a Master Mason (her mother being a member of the Order), be received into the Order? If so, is it necessary to have a dispensation to receive her petition?"

Answer: "I believe that the genius of our Order is to do as much good as possible, and in extending its benefits we should aim to see how liberal we can be, rather than how restricted; at all times keeping in view the constitutional limits of membership. My answer is in the affirmative, and permit me to add that the status of her mother does not enter into the consideration of the case. I see no occasion for a dispensation; let the minutes of the Chapter show the result of their inquiry as their authority."

From Bro. Thomas, Deputy for Maryland:

"At a regular meeting of Alpha Chapter, held last evening, the petition of parties proposing to apply to the General Grand Chapter for a charter for Excelsior Chapter No. 2, Order of the Eastern Star, came up for consideration—a ballot by slips 'for recommendation' and 'against recommendation' was ordered, and resulted as follows: For recommendation, 10 votes; against, 15 votes; and it was declared accordingly. A recess for ten minutes was then taken. After resuming labor, a motion to reconsider the vote on the petition was made and adopted, and a second ballot was had. During the recess a member who had previously voted left the Chapter room. Now, if the ballot had been for a candidate I would be perfectly clear on the subject; but in the case in question I would prefer your decision as to the legality of tbe second ballot, taken after the departure of a member who had once voted on the question. Was the subsequent action of the Chapter legal?"

Answer: In my opinion a ballot vote can not be reconsidered.

By Bro. Levi Weaver, of Baltimore, Maryland:

"Is the question of a Chapter recommending the petition of members of the Order for a charter to organize a Chapter in the same town or city, properly subject to a ballot vote?"

Answer: "No."

By the same: "Should a vote be taken by ballot upon a question not properly subject to a ballot vote, would not a motion to reconsider the vote made by one who voted with the majority, be in order, if made at the same meeting?"

Answer: "No; because, in my opinion, a ballot vote can not be reconsidered under any circumstances. This opinion is founded on the fact that neither the presiding officer, nor his secretary, have any way of verifying the statement of any member who claims to have voted with the majority, and this statement, in justice to himself as a presiding officer, he is not bound to accept. In a case of this kind,

where the proceedings are irregular, I am of the opinion that the better way would be to begin *ab initio*, which leaves no chance for subsequent objections and trouble."

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Louisville, Ky., asks:

"Is the half-sister of a Master Mason in good standing eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star?"

I gave an affirmative reply.

I will attempt no studied lecture on the needs of the Order, nor will I ask for some changes in the ritual which, in my judgment, would make it a smoother and more consistent whole, for two good reasons: First, I shall not be with you to maintain such points against possible opposition; and, secondly, it is more than possible that my opinion or judgment would prove of questionable benefit to the Order in such changes. On the question of ritual I am rather conservative on all points but one, and on that you will call me a radical and a heretic of the most objectionable type. But candidly, my dear friends, I would strike from the pages, not only of the Order of the Eastern Star, but of all other Masonry the obsolescent and puerile doctrine of catechism. If it ever had any use founded in necessity the enlightenment of this age has rendered it a worse than useless appendage, obscuring the good in Masonry by a symbolism at once meaningless, and in many cases ridiculous.

In fact, while all around us the bright light of intelligent progress has wrought its many changes and improvements, Masonry turns its moss-covered back to every innovation of its so-called, time-honored usages, and clings like an imbecile to its toys of the past, It reminds me of an aged and decrepit man who has lived to bury all his associates of youth, and remains the relic of a by-gone day. He lives, not in the busy and progressive present, nor in any anticipation of the glorious future, but lives only in the memory of *what he has been*. Having outlived his usefulness he sits, *sans* hair, *sans* teeth, *sans* sight, *sans* hearing, in the chimney corner of the house of Masonry engaged in the one great occupation of his wakeful moments, a garrulous brag of how old he is. I know my Masonic friends will frown at this bold statement of a recognized fact, but unfortunately they can not disprove the impeachment. We are living in the past, the age has distanced us, the turtle has passed the hare. We are asleep in our pride of age, which is largely a day dream. Come, my friends, let us awake! As the youngest in the great fraternity of Masonry, and in this respect our birthright is just as legitimate as that of any other, let us lead in the much needed reformation. If you are wedded to a Ritual, keep it. It is as nearly harmless as any thing that is likely to take its place, and is, in fact, but an empty bauble. But don't, please don't, consider your Ritual the essence of your organiza-

tion. Be practical, do good, benefit mankind, assist the weak, protect men, and give them substantial cause to be thankful that there is such an institution as Masonry.

My orthodox Masonic friends will claim that Masonry is now doing all this, but his claim to this distinction is like that to many others, recognized only within the Order, and within the Order only by those whose ritualistic excellence entitles them to the sobriquet of "bright Masons."

There are in round numbers 600,000 Master Masons in the United States; of this number at least a quarter are members of Royal Arch Masonry, and 100,000 are members of Commanderies. These, with the membership in the Council and the Order of the Eastern Star, and other organizations of York and Scottish Masonry will give an aggregate of considerable over a million paying members. This indicates an annual income of over $2,500,000. Will some zealous Mason tell me wherein mankind receives a substantial benefit commensurate with this immense sum of money annually raised. To this may well be added as much more annually spent in individual expenditure connected with and caused by the various meetings, new organizations, etc. If Masonry had but a head and center to which but a tithe of this sum could drift, what a noble monument could be raised to her greatness and goodness.

Do you ask how? Religious and secular organizations maintain institutions of learning—why not Masons? Religious and secular organizations maintain hospitals and infirmaries—why not Masons?

It is a matter of reproach that in this country has been planted from the old, an order of the Red Cross, whose mission is the field of sickness and whose organization is in no wise Masonic. What nobler fields for just such an organization as the Order of the Eastern Star; what more appropriate charity. What more practical proof of our golden principles of which we talk so much, and yet we pass the time in feasting and merriment while others have entered our vineyard and have gathered fruit that it should have been our right and duty to gather. How long shall this continue? I leave it with the good and the true who are with you at this meeting to devise some means; to create some nucleus around which may cluster the sympathy, humanity and charity in a practical application thereof to the needs of our fraternity and the world at large. In no other way can our Order so well establish a claim to the respect and support of the world; in no other way can we so well serve the purposes of our organization; in no other way can we so well become an institution of permanent good, and erect a mounment on the shores of time, before which even the august body of Free and Accepted Masons will uncover, and willingly acknowledge a relationship now but half conceded.

And now kind friends, in closing and bidding you all good-by, permit me to thank you sincerely for the honor you conferred on me three years ago, which came to me unexpectedly and which might have been much more worthily placed. I have had neither the time nor the inclination to give the necessary attention to the duties of the office, and I am under many obligations to my associate officers for their kindness in recognizing that fact and more than making good the loss. More efficient officers than our M. W. G. Matron, Sister Pitkin, and our R. W. G. Treasurer, Sister Mathews can not well be fonnd; and too much credit can not be given our R. W. G. Secretary, Bro. Engle, for the masterly and successful manner in which he has always done the right thing at the right time. With such a drone as I have been I fear the Order would have suffered but for Bro. Engle's zealous watchfulness.

The gladness with which I shall relinquish my official title and disrobe from the paraphernalia of M. W. G. Patron, will in all probability be equalled only by that of he who now assumes the same distinguished marks of your esteem and consideration, and for the good and glory of the Order I hope he may fill the honors of the office far better than I have been able to. Wishing you all health and happiness at all times, and especially at this time, and a very pleasant meeting and a safe return to your homes, I bid you a kindly Good-by.

Very respectfully,
WILLIS BROWN.

On motion of Brother A. J. McPike, the address was referred to a special committee of three, Bro. A. J. McPike, Sisters Nettie Ransford and Nellie M. Owens being named by the M. W. Grand Matron as such committee.

The M.W.Grand Matron then read her address, as follows:

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 17, 1883.

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Sisters and Brothers—After passing eventful years of continued prosperity, I bid you each and all a cordial and hearty welcome to this the fourth (triennial) session of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star.

Let us invoke the blessing of our Heavenly Father upon this Assembly, and offer our grateful thanks for the Providence that has brought us together again without a break in the golden chain binding the officers of this Grand Body during the three years past, now closing. Let us ask His divine inspiration for wisdom to direct us as we enter upon the discharge of our duties; that our deliberations

may be marked with courage and fortitude, and be in keeping wtth the principles of justice, charity, truth and loving kindness. And as the sincerity of our motives are recognized by the Grand Patron on high, our labors shall receive the merited reward. To this end I desire your undivided attention and co-operation.

The several Grand Chapters have been called upon from time to time to mourn the loss by death of zealous, earnest workers, who have passed away silently, and without recognition of their devotion, or the hope of prominence, although their influence in no slight degree has helped to make our Order what it is to-day, honored and respected.

To the officers and members of the afflicted Grand Chapters we extend our sincere condolence, and to the families and friends our deepest sympathies.

We mourn the loss of a permanent member of this General Grand Chapter—Thomas M. Lamb. The memory of our deceased brother will live on in the hearts of every member of our Order, and these lines verified, that "words spoken are but air, but when written become things," as in all the ceremonies of our Ritual we see and realize the result of his labors. We make the following extract from a "sketch in remembrance of Thomas Melvin Lamb, by Clark Jillson," a warm personal friend of Mr. Lamb from boyhood to the time of his death:

"Thomas Melvin Lamb was born at Worcester, Mass., on the 26th day of June, 1830. He was married in 1860 to Laura A. Stebbins, of Deerfield, Mass., an accomplished lady, a devoted wife and a faithful mother.

"Their eldest daughter, Carrie S., was born in Worcester, June 25, 1862, and graduated at the High School in 1881, an excellent scholar and a young lady of rare promise. Alice B. was born May 10th, 1868, and died March 23d, 1876. She was not physically strong, but her mind was active and precocious, and she readily became a favorite of all who knew her.

"Mr. Lamb manifested an interest in religious affairs at an early age and became identified with the Baptist denomination; but later in life embraced a more liberal faith, discarding all sectarianism and every form of worship as being essential to the soul's salvation but his faith in the Supreme Ruler of the universe was never disturbed. He was conscientious to his own pecuniary disadvantage, never swerving from what he deemed to be exact justice. He was never accused of a dishonest act by an honest person, and his integrity was never questioned in the community where he lived. He was elected by his fellow citizens to fill offices of trust on several occasions, and his official duties were always discharged with rare fidelity. He was a true man, an unfaltering friend, a loyal citizen.

"His Masonic life was made up of the generous impulses of an unselfish nature. He was made a Master Mason in Morning Star Lodge, at Worcester, November 1st, 1859, and was Secretary of the lodge for several years.

"He was exalted to the august and sublime degree of a Royal Arch Mason in Worcester Chapter, April 8th, 1864; and on the 27th of October of the same year he received the Cryptic degrees in Hiram Council of Royal and Select Masters. He was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in Worcester County Commandery, Knights Templars, at Worcester, April 21st, 1865.

"October 31st, 1867, he received the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, from the 4° to the 14°, in Worcester Lodge of Perfection. He received the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star from Past Grand Patron, Daniel Seagrave, in September, 1869, and affiliated with Stella Chapter No. 3, at Worcester, when said chapter was organized in 1871. He was elected Worthy Patron, December 13th, 1876, and continued in office four years. He was elected Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star for Massachusetts, at its organization, December 11th, 1876, and held the office till May 13th, 1879. He was elected Grand Patron, May 13th, 1879, and continued in office two years. He was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order, May 10th, 1878, and held the office till August 20th, 1880. He was chairman of the committee appointed to arrange and publish the Ritual of the Order, and that document shows how well his labors were performed. He was appointed committee on foreign correspondence by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, for the year 1879, and re-appointed May 10th, 1881. He was elected a life member of Stella Chapter, January 26th, 1880.

"It will be seen by the above record that the Masonic career of Brother Lamb has been alike honorable to himself and the Fraternity. His death occurred at Worcester, December 29th, 1881, after an illness of only five days. The community was shocked at the announcement of his death—so sudden and unexpected—and the large assembly gathered at the church on the day of his funeral bore unmistakable testimony to his worth as a man and a Mason.

"He was one of the few men who never assumed a false position for gain; nor could he be persuaded by sophistry or logic, or compelled by any human authority, to forget or surrender the title Nature gave him to the highest type of manhood.

"Such has been the career of one whose life and conduct may well be emulated by us. His courage, his ability, his sincerity, his incorruptible moral nature, and his persistent adherence to the strictest rules of justice and right, were prominent characteristics of his life."

Sister Lamb desired me to thank the Sisters and Brothers for the many kind words of sympathy and consolation extended to her in the hour of trial and affliction.

The universal appreciation of her husband's labors evinced by the several Grand Chapters, in dedicating a page of their proceedings to his memory, with the very kind and feeling mention by the Grand Officers have been to her a source of comfort and satisfaction.

She desired to thank Golden Gate No. 1, Lily of the Valley No. 18, of California, and Wyoming Chapters No. 8, of Illinois, for resolutions of sympathy received.

July 2, 1881, James A. Garfield, our beloved President, fell mortally wounded at the hands of a cowardly assassin A noble struggle was made for life. The nation prayed that he might live. God willed it otherwise. After long, weary weeks of patient suffering, without one word of censure against his slayer, the soul passed quietly into eternity September 19, 1881.

"Farewell! the leaf-strewn earth unfolds
Our stay, our pride, our hopes, our fears,
And autumn's golden sun beholds
A nation bowed, a world in tears."

Directly after the close of the last session, I notified the officers who were not installed at that time, of their appointment, and requested our M. W. G. Patron, Bro. Brown, to deputize Charles L. Thomas, Grand Patron of California, to install Sister Nellie M. Owens, W. G. Conductress; I. W. Blake, Grand Patron of Minnesota, to install M. Louise Lewis, W. G. Adah; Thomas M. Lamb, Grand Patron of Massachusetts, to install Sister Sarah E. Sisson, W. G. Ruth; Marshall Smith, Grand Patron of Nebraska, to install Sister H. C. Smith, W. G. Martha of this General Grand Chapter. I have never been notified that any of the above appointed officers have ever been installed.

I see by the proceedings of California for 1880, that the R.W.A.G. Matron, Sister Ada A. Libbey, authorized the installation of the W. G. Conductress, Sister Nellie M. Owens.

My correspondence has been large and of a very pleasant and profitable nature to me. Many kind invitations from Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons and Grand Secretaries of the several Grand Chapters, to be present at their annual reunions, have been received. Have been unable, on account of finances, to honor but a few in person.

I have endeavored to reply to the many letters of inquiry from the several Jurisdictions with a view to the greatest good to the Order at large. I will mention such only as may be considered important. The following questions from Past Grand Patrons of New Jersey, were received during October and November, 1881.

1. Will you grant a charter in this city, and will it be necessary for the parties to get permission from any one of the Chapters here?

2. Can any Grand Chapter, by a vote of the members present, secede from the General Grand Chapter?

3. Can any number of Past Grand Officers of a Grand Chapter organize without five Chapters being represented, or must the Chapters who were opposed to being legislated out of the General Grand Chapter submit to the will of the majority?

4. Will the General Grand Chapter consider the Grand Chapter of New Jersey from this forward as independent and clandestine?

5. In what position has the action of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey placed us?

6. Will we be recognized by the Grand Chapters who are members of the General Grand Chapter?

7. Can I, as a Past Grand officer, and a charter member of the General Grand Chapter visit the General Grand Chapter, or any Grand Chapter as a member of the Order in good and regular standing?

8. We have six Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, of which there was only five represented at the session held when the resolution was adopted to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter. One Chapter refusing to vote. Was the vote under the circumstances legal?

9. When the vote was taken should it have been taken by Chapters as a unit, and decided by a majority of Chapters instead of a majority vote of members?

To the above I replied as follows:

I think there is no authority to hold a Grand Chapter's allegiance to the General Grand Chapter if the majority desire it otherwise.

Grand Chapters are organized by subordinate Chapters only, the Past Grand officers could have no power to organize a Grand Chapter.

Your standing as a Past Grand Patron, consequently a permanent member of the General Grand Chapter, is not affected by the action of your Grand Chapter, so long as you remain a member of some Subordinate Chapter under its jurisdiction.

The same principle that allows the Grand Chapter of New Jersey to secede from the General Grand Chapter, will permit a subordinate Chapter to do the same thing.

We have decided that there is no Grand Chapter in New Jersey, so far as the General Grand Chapter is concerned, and see no objection to granting charters until enough have been granted to form a Grand Chapter that will be subordinate to the General Grand Chapter.

Make an application to Brother Willis Brown, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Seneca, Kansas, and he will grant a charter, and it will not be necessary for you to ask permission of any chapter in your city.

Since your Grand Chapter provides no specific number of Chapters necessary to constitute a quorum to open and transact business, and there being five of the six Chapters in the State represented, I should say the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was legally opened at its last session, in October, 1880.

We have decided to suspend definite action regarding matters in New Jersey until after the next session, hoping the Grand Chapter may return to its former allegiance.

The advice given in this case seems to have been heeded, and with good results, as I was notified in October, 1881, that New Jersey had returned to the General Grand Chapter. I was glad to welcome her.

What are the duties of a Grand Representative from one Grand Chapter to another, and how long does the appointment hold?

The above has been submitted to me several times.

I have given the following as my opinion:

The appointment of a Grand Representative of one Grand Chapter near another Grand Chapter, is rather an expression of a fraternal greeting than an office bearing any special duties. As to the time these appointments should continue, I am of the opinion that the same rule governing Grand Commanderies, or the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, would be safe for the Eastern Star. That is, appointments of Grand Representives expire at the time the General Grand Chapter convenes.

Can a Grand Chapter be declared open in form, with only the representatives of two subordinate Chapters present?

In my opinion, it can not.

The constitution of the General Grand Chapter provides that there must be five Chapters chartered in any State, or Territory, before a Grand Chapter can be organized, and the control of said territory surrendered. A Grand Chapter must make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, consequently any Grand Chapter with no law incorporated in its constitution, should observe the law of organization.

Brother W. B. Massey, G. Secretary of Arkansas, consulted me regarding the voting sign their State had adopted.

I am of the opinion Arkansas has the right to adopt a voting sign if they think best, and it is not any infringement on our rights so long as it does not conflict with any of the signs as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter. The uplifted hand is recognized by the General Grand Chapter as the voting sign, and is almost universally used. I commend the practice of instructing the candidate in the voting sign of the Order.

I have given it as my opinion, that the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter does *not* admit of the use of the veil in the initiation ceremony.

Information from what seemed to be a reliable source reached me about June, 1882, that the Chapter in Ontario, had been organized under the direct supervision of Masons, who belonged to the Grand Lodge of Ontario. This information, with names of *supposed legal* Masons were sent to the R. W. G. Secretary, Brother Engle. He wrote me that the M. W. G. Patron and himself would settle the matter, and that it was a fight for jurisdiction. Assured me the brother who was acting deputy for the Province, was made a Mason in a regular lodge, for *he helped to raise him*. Brother Engle informs me that the matter has since laid quiet. As I understand this matter, the Grand Lodge of Canada is the only Grand Lodge recognized as a sovereign body by constituent Grand Lodges, and consequently fully occupies the province of Ontario. If so, is the only one under whose protection the Eastern Star can thrive in harmony and prosperity.

May 26, 1883, I received a request from the General Grand Chapter Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of California, on entertainment, through the Grand Secretary, to call a meeting of the General Grand Chapter at San Francisco, California, August 14, 1883. This was seconded by the Grand Matron, Sister Mary A. Flint, and Bro. Charles L. Thomas, Chairman of the Committee. I did not see the emergency warranting this action as the regular session, as provided by resolution at our last communication, was set for August 17, 1883. Therefore, I did not comply with the request. The M. W. Grand Patron being of the same opinion.

Our Constitution says the M. W. Grand Matron shall open this General Grand Chapter in ample form. I have failed to find any form of opening or closing whatever. This is one of the urgent necessities that should claim our immediate attention. It detracts from the dignity of the Supreme Body, to be obliged to take a subordinate ceremony, and depend upon the tact of the officers to fill in what is wanted, and leave out what would make us appear ludicrous in opening this or a Subordinate Grand Chapter. I have had quite a number of inquiries from State Grand Officers, asking why the General Grand Chapter did not arrange a form. I think we should, and trust a committee will be appointed at this session with full power to act in this matter. In my opinion, and it has been reached from observation, that this is as important to our ultimate success as any form we now have. The dignity of the Order at large would be greatly enhanced if a form of constituting a Chapter of the Eastern Star should also be formulated by the General Grand Chapter. We are not sufficiently educated in the forms of organization to be left to ourselves without a guide. James Martin, of New Jersey, seeing this need, has arranged a very excellent form for that State.

I submit an opening and closing ceremony for Grand Chapters,

kindly furnished me by the Grand Matron of Kansas, Mary C. Snedden.

I would recommend that our Constitution be so amended that the degrees shall not be conferred for less than five dollars; also, that the Chapters under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall pay dues, and that the same shall be not less than fifty cents per year for each member.

I would ask this Grand Body to consider the advisability of imposing upon the several Grand Chapters the two cents tax as the right this Grand Body has reserved to itself to do. We need this revenue in order to extend our Order as the necessities of the case require. I ask, how long would a Lodge of Masons be respected among men with fees two dollars, and dues fifty cents a year?

An organization of any kind that is in fact a success, must have some positive, reliable and specific source of revenue.

A large proportion of the members feel this growing necessity, but fear the immediate result. I do not. The benefits accruing from these sources would yield tenfold good results.

Many who have invited and insisted that I visit their Grand and Subordinate Chapters, have the idea that the expenses of the M. W. G. Matron are paid from the funds of this General Grand Chapter when the general good of the Order was to be promoted.

I have never had a postage stamp from the treasury of this Grand Body, and should not have considered it was my *duty* to be with you to-day, but for the absence of our M. W. G. Patron, which we all very much regret.

I have not visited with any hope of remuneration. All workers are not able to give time and money to promote the good of any society. I trust, for the benefit of the Order, the encouragement of my successor, the revenue of this honorable body will be increased. The compensation of our present Secretary should be double at least what it now is.

The following from the Grand Patron of Massachusetts, Brother Wm. A. Farnsworth, I submit for your thoughtful consideration. I am of the opinion the brother's views are correct, and hope this Grand Body will adopt this diploma as the legally authorized one of the Order.

WORCESTER, MASS., July 18, 1883.

"MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

Worthy Grand Matron Order of the Eastern Star:

"I herewith inclose a photograph copy of Diploma adopted by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, for use in this state. You will observe, by the accompanying circular, that it is the wish of this Grand Body to have the design approved by the General Grand Chapter, and adopted as the *Diploma of the Order.*

"Uniformity of ritualistic work, under the general direction and supervision of the General Grand Chapter, being acknowledged as essential to our well being and prosperity, would not a Diploma recognized *anywhere* as the *standard*, prove of great service to our Order as a protection against imposture? For besides the regulation size (17x21) for framing, it is of greater importance that we have a traveling or pocket Diploma of same design, reduced in size, whereby when traveling from state to state, members of our Order may be able to establish their identity beyond any question of doubt. The advantage and convenience of a standard Diploma, especially to the Sisters of our Order, are so apparent, that further argument seems unnecessary.

"Our desire is that the General Grand Chapter control and publish this, and supply the Grand Bodies as it now does the Rituals.

"We have been at an expense of about fifty-five dollars, including copyright, and will transfer all our right and title to the General Grand Chapter at cost, as we confidently believe the adoption of this will prove of inestimable value to the Order

"It evidently being impossible for me to be in attendance at the coming session of the General Grand Chapter, I take the liberty of sending this to you with the request that you will present the subject to the General Grand Chapter for their consideration."

The circular and photograph copy above referred to accompanies this report.

Iowa, at its last session, adopted a membership card to be given Chapters yearly under specified regulations.

I would recommend that a page or more in the printed proceedings of this session be set apart to the memory of Bro. Thomas M. Lamb, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts, and that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions, and forward the same to his family.

For the protection of our officers, and the inspiration of confidence in the Order at large, I would recommend that the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and R. W. Grand Secretary be required to file an official bond, and the amount not be less than that received by the preceding Grand Treasurer, during the vacation of the General Grand Chapter, the sureties to be satisfactory to the M. W. G. Patron and Matron.

I would recommend that article 4, section 1, be amended by striking out the words following "in" (second line) and inserting three years at such time and place as the elective officers acting as a committee, shall decide, due notice of the same being given to the Order.

I would recommend that a committee be appointed to revise our Constitution, and more explicitly define its authority.

I would be glad to see this General Grand Chapter adopt a uniformity of regalia and jewels for the use of Grand Chapters, and for its own use.

The jewels of a subordinate Chapter are the emblems within the star and triangle.

The jewels of a Grand Chapter could be the emblems suspended within an open star and an open triangle.

The jewels of the General Grand Chapter could be those of the Grand Chapter within a circle.

VISITATIONS.

It was my pleasure to attend the Grand Chapter of Indiana, April 12th, 1882, at Indianapolis, with our R. W. G. Treasurer, Sister Jennie E. Mathews. Was heartily welcomed, and accorded all the courtesy and honor due your representative. I was the guest of Sister Nettie Ransford, P. G. Matron. By invitation of Martin H. Rice, retiring Grand Patron, I installed Robert Van Valzah, Grand Patron, Mary B. High, Grand Matron, with their Associate Grand Officers. April 11th, 1883, I again met with this Grand Chapter, and by the courtesy of the retiring Grand Matron, Sister High, I installed the Grand officers with John J. Sproull, P. G. Secretary of New York, who is also an honorary member of this Grand Body, as Grand Marshal, Sister Nettie Ransford, Grand Matron, Albert H. Kaiser, as Grand Patron. I visited this Grand Chapter in 1878-79-80-82-83. Twice, Sister A. C. S. (Bario) Engle, has favored us with her presence as P. G. Matron of Connecticut, and made many warm and lasting friends.

We extend to her a cordial welcome as the wife of our R. W. G. Secretary, Brother Willis D. Engle. Those of us who was matrimonially eligible in this direction sighed to see the Bario's for ever placed between us and our coveted prize. We were the guest of Brother and Sister Engle.

Circumstances were favorable for me to attend the Grand Chapter of Iowa, convening at Des Moines, June 6th, 1882. We met and was treated with courtesy, by Geo. B. Van Sawn, Grand Master, and Theodore S. Parvin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Iowa.

The Eastern Star met for the exemplification of the work by Lady Washington Chapter of Adel, (which I have never seen excelled,) in one part of the building, while the Grand Lodge held a session in the other. It was very amusing to see the brothers look at us sisters, as we ascended the same stairway. This was a very prosperous session, and gratifying to me to find such a fraternal feeling existing toward the Eastern Star.

"Brother Masons" of Wisconsin, Ohio, Pennsylvania and Massachusetts, what do you think of that?

I installed Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Matron, Thomas Ercan-

brack, Grand Patron, with James P. Irving as Grand Marshal. My second visit to Iowa Grand Chapter occurred ar Mt. Pleasant, May 22d, 1883.

A cordial invitation from the W. Matron of Bethlehem Chapter, Sister Louisa P. Ambler, to be her guest during the session, was accepted. At Aurora, I was joined by Sister Jennie A. Walker, A. G. Matron, at Kewanee by Sister Jane F. Cozine, Grand Matron of Illinois, at Burlington by the Grand Matron, Grand Secretary, and others.

The membership in Iowa is now over 1,000, an increase of almost double. I mention this because I believe it has taken more hard work to bring about this condition of the Order than in any other State, for many reasons. Arkansas nearly doubled her membership last year. I would extend our congratulations to these Grand Chapters, and to California, as it is the banner Grand Chapter in the constellation. I trust other Grand Chapters may be led to emulate their zeal. By patient industry we are permitted to realize a golden harvest.

Tuesday evening, May 22, 1883, Bethlehem Chapter was called to order by the Worthy Matron presiding. Two candidates were initiated. Sister Nellie A. Campbell delivered an address of welcome. The work was admirably done. The Star officers dressed in white, with appropriate colors.

I installed Sister Jennie E. Mathews Grand Matron, Thomas R. Ercanbrack Grand Patron, with Sister Jane F. Cozine, Grand Matron of Illinois, as Grand Marshal.

October 8, 1881, installed Sister Jeannett W. Ashley, Grand Matron; Bro. Alonzo Eaton, Grand Patron of Illinois, with their associate Grand Officers.

Through the courtesy of Bro. John J. Sproull, I was permitted to attend the thirteenth annual session of the Grand Chapter of New York, June 5 and 6, 1883; also, Chapters in Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York and Connecticut.

The Grand Patron of New York being absent, the A. G. Patron, Bro. Benjamin F. Ferris, called the Grand Chapter to order and opened the same in ample form, with the Grand Matron, Sister Kate E. Hopper on his right. I had been led to believe that this Grand Chapter would not extend to any officer of this General Grand Chapter official recognition. To my pleasant surprise, and by the order of Grand Patron I was received in the East and welcomed as your presiding officer.

In this Grand Chapter, at seasons of recreation, and by each member and visitor, I was treated with a marked dignified courtesy and attention.

The second day I was again welcomed to the Grand East in words

of consistent generosity, by Brother Herman G. Carter, P. G. Patron, presiding, and invited to address them.

In the name of the fifteen Grand Chapters, owing allegience to this General Grand Chapter, I expressed my grateful thanks for the warm, unbroken cordiality extended to me in the Grand Chapter of New York, my own, my native State. I did not forget that upon the position so generously bestowed upon me three years since, these honors rested first.

Prejudices are wearing away, and any knowledge or information I gave them was accepted. The verdict was almost unanimous that the Grand Chapter of New York had best identify itself with us. I assured the German Chapters they should have the Ritual furnished them in German, as the expense of translation was the only objection to a new Ritual.

I am satisfied had a resolution been offered the last day to adopt the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter it would have been carried.

As gratifying as it would have been to me to have witnessed a favorable vote, and welcome delegates from New York Grand Chapter, I believe that a perfect harmony of action will exist at the next session, and a vote recorded to join us. Sister Smith, Grand Matron of New Jersey, and Sister Kinnard, P. G. Matron, were with me I desire to express my thanks to Sisters Eleanor Burton, P. G. Matron, whose guest I was while in Brooklyn, Kate E. Hopper, P. G. Matron; Brother Jacob M. Hopper, P. G. Patron, and *all* others, for the many kind attentions bestowed upon me during my brief sojourn with them.

Invitations to visit Chapters in New York were, with regrets, necessarily postponed, with the following exceptions in Brooklyn:

Thursday evening, June 14th, I visited Esther Chapter No. 2, with Sisters Eleanor Burton, Kate E. Hopper, Brothers Jacob M. Hopper John J. Sproull and Alonzo J. Burton. Two candidates were initiated and the work well done. Worthy Matron, Mary J. Johnson.

Thursday evening, June 15th, 1883, I was with Mizpah Chapter No. 27. There in the East to welcome and do me honor were the Grand Patron, Benjamin F. Ferris; A. G. Matron, Annie C. West; Grand Lecturer, James G. Swartz; A. G. Conductress, Jennie E. Bell; Grand Marshal, S. A. McFarlan' Worthy Matron, Mary J. Johnson.

Saturday evening, June 16th, Stella Chapter No. 29 convened in regular session. Grand Officers, past and present, were extended the honors of the East. Sister Lillie Rowland, the newly elected Grand Matron of Ontario, was present. Kate E. Hopper, P. G. Matron, was in receipt of a letter from the Grand Patron, Brother Alexander Gardner, attested by the Grand Secretary, Sister M. J. Fennell, requesting her to install Sister Rowland, as she was absent when the other officers were installed. Sister Hopper invited the M. W. Grand

Matron to perform this ceremony, as the Grand Matron-elect of Ontario was under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, which was done with Sister Eleanor Burton as Grand Marshal, and the records of Stella are so approved. In the above Chapter I was received as the most distinguished guest, and listened to with intense interest. Worthy Matron, Mary A. Bennett.

Monday evening, July 2, 1883, Monroe Chapter No. 57, under dispensation at Rochester, N. Y., was opened without form by Sister Kate F. Warner as W. Matron. Was duly constituted, and its officers publicly installed in the Asylum of the Masonic Temple. The Knights of Monroe Commandery No. 12, having kindly given the use of their large hall for this purpose, meeting themselves, in the smaller one. Brother John J. Sproull acting Grand Patron, myself as Grand Matron. The ceremony is a very impressive one, so regarded by the large number of persons assembled to witnes it. I also assisted in the installation of the officers as Grand Marshal. I was the guest of Sister Warner, the Worthy Matron.

One of the grandest re-unions we have ever been permitted to participate in, was the celebration of the "Annual Festival Day," August 31, 1883, at Chicago, by the local Chapters. Bro. Morris was present and delivered a very interesting and instructive address to a large and select audience.

You will bear with me if I take this opportunity to express my thanks to the officers of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, for fraternal courtsey extended to me when I visited the Masonic Temple at Philadelphia, June 25, 1883.

I mention the above as Pennsylvania Masons are very much opposed to our order.

I will mention my visits to Subordinate Chapters as briefly as possible. Those in

ILLINOIS.

Saturday evening, August 21, 1880, I met the officers of this General Grand Chapter at Miriam Chapter No. 1, Chicago. Worthy Matron, Mary A. Beale.

Monday evening, February 17, 1881. Queen Esther Chapter No. 41, Chicago. The State Grand Officers were present. Worthy Matron, Zaida M. Elton.

Thursday evening, July 13, 1881, Rising Sun Chapter No. 51, Aurora, invited me to be present, and witness the work as exemplified by the Grand officers. Six candidates were initiated. Sister Jennie E. Mathews, G. M. of Iowa, as Grand Conductress.

January, 1883. By invitation, I installed the officers. My expenses were paid by the Worthy Matron, Sister Jennie A. Walker. Here I hold an honorary membership.

Thursday evening, July 26, 1882, Rockford Chapter No. 53, met in regular session, Sisters Walker and Nichols of Aurora, and Sister Mathews of Iowa, bore me company.

The work was rendered in a manner rarely excelled. We were the guests of the Worthy Matron, Sister Jane F. Cozine.

By invitation of the Grand Matron, Sister Jeannett W. Ashley, and in company with our Grand Treasurer, we visited Kewanee, July 29, 1882, to witness the work in Harmony Chapter No. 43, but the weather was warm, and a lawn party replaced Chapter work, much to the disappointment of all. We were the guests of the Grand Matron.

Monday evening, August 28, 1882, Lady Washington Chapter No. 28, Chicago, welcomed me. Worthy Matron, Sister Mary A. Hudson.

Thursday evening, October 12, 1882, Evening Star Chapter No. 46, at Canton, met in regular session to exemplify the work for the Grand Matron, and I was present. My expenses were paid.

Thursday evening, January 18, 1883, I was invited to install their officers, which I did with Marion A. Mann, Grand Treasurer, as Grand Marshal. Worthy Matron, Sister H. A. Thompson.

Friday evening, October 16, 1882, Starlight Chapter was organized at Sandwich, and by request of the Grand Officers, was present. Worthy Matron, Sister J. C. Fonda.

Saturday evening, October 17, 1882, and in company with the Grand Matron, Sister Jane F. Cozine, I visited Central City Chapter No. 42, at Peoria, in special session. Five candidates were initiated. Worthy Matron, Marion A. Mann.

Thursday evening, February 1, 1883, I again met with this Chapter. I was invited to take the East, when six candidates were received. Worthy Matron, Helen Eastman.

January 23, 1883, LaHarpe Chapter No. 60, at LaHarpe, met in regular session. In the absence of the Worthy Matron, and by invitation, I assumed her place, and initiated one candidate, and installed Bro. J. W. Butler as Worthy Patron.

January 35, 1883, Fidelity Chapter No. 61, at Clayton, held a regular meeting. Among the members of this Chapter I found the Eminent Commander of Delta Commandery, who is Worthy Patron, the Worshipful Master of Clayton Lodge, and the High Priest of Fidelity Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, who gave the Eastern Star Chapter fifty dollars to aid in organizing. Worhty Matron, Sister C. L. Ballou.

January 27, 1883, by invitation I installed the officers of Pocahontas Chapter No. 49, at Hamilton. Worthy Matron, Sister E. Starkweather.

January 28, 1883, Martha L. Chapter No. 11, at Dallas City, called a special meeting to greet me. Worthy Matron, Sister Eva Body.

February 7, 1883, Toulon Chapter No. 10, Toulon, called a special meeting in the afternoon to assure me of the Chapter's earnestness. Worthy Matron, Ruth A. Turner.

February 8, 1883, Wyoming Chapter No. 8, Wyoming, called a special session. This Chapter delights in its financial condition, as they have money enough loaned and the interest pays their rent. Worthy Matron, Sister Mary C. McCorkle.

February 9, 1883, Galva Chapter No. 57, Galva, met, and P. G. Matron, Jeannett W. Ashley, was here to greet me. Worthy Matron, Mary A. Pierce.

February 10, 1883, Minerva Chapter No. 6, at Prophetstown, convened in regular session with P. G. Patron, Henry R. Kent, presiding. John F. Dickinson, Grand Patron; A. G. M., Sister Jennie A. Walker, and Sister Allie Nichols, of Aurora, met me here. Worthy Matron, Sister Sarah E. Sholes.

February 13, 1883, Evangeline Chapter No. 57, Erie, was opened in form to welcome me. Worthy Matron, Sister Mary Burchell.

March 28, 1883, Sister D. A. Conover, Worthy Matron, of Tuscola Chapter No. 44, Tuscola, received me with her Chapter.

February 20, 1883, Lady Franklin Chapter No. 28, Franklin Grove, was called to order by the Worthy Matron, Sister Mary J. Whitney, for instruction. My expenses were paid.

Elect Lady Chapter No. 40, Mattoon, called a special meeting March 29, 1883. I was here again by special invitation, April 28, 1883, to attend their anniversary celebration. Sister Jane F. Cozine, Grand Matron, was also there. The Worthy Patron, Rev. Wm. H. Blanks replied to the toast, "Shall the Star of the Eastern Star Rise or Fall?" in elegant, eloquent and encouraging language. Worthy Matron, Sister Sophia C. Scott.

Terre Haute Chapter No. 43, Terre Haute, Ind., welcomed me in special session, April 3, 1883. The work was done in a very beautiful manner. We were the guest of the Grand Patron, Robert Van Valzah, whose wife has one of those happy natures, calculated to shed sunshine everywhere around her. Worthy Matron, Sister S. E. Cliff.

Excelsior Chapter No. 51, Charles City, Iowa, called a special meeting, June 13, 1882, to welcome their Grand Matron, Sister Mathews and myself, as I was her guest. We drove sixteen miles in a pouring rain storm, but a warm reception waited us. We were the guests of Past Grand Matron, Sister O. N. Williams. Worthy Matron, Sister Emily Dyke.

Fidelity Chapter No. 40, Rockford, Iowa, called a meeting June 14, 1882. Worthy Matron, Sister Jennie E. Mathews.

NEW JERSEY.

Radiant Chapter No. 7, Newark, was opened in regular session June 4th, 1883, with Sister Annie Garabrant as Worthy Matron. This Chapter exemplified the work June 11th, 1883, at my request. It was done in a highly commendable manner. I am recorded here as an honorary member. John N. Bunnell, P. G. P., is Worthy Patron.

Eureka Chapter No. 2, of Elizabethport, received their Grand Officers in their annual visitation June 8th, 1883. The attendance was large, the room was beautifully decorated with flowers. I was present by invitation of the Grand Matron. Worthy Matron, Sister Augusta M. Ladd.

Miriam Chapter No 8, Paterson, met in regular session July 13th. 1883. One candidate was initiated, and the work was well done Worthy Matron, Sister A. M. Cohen.

Martha Washington Chapter No. 9, Paterson, was called to order by the Associate Matron, M. Stagg, in the absence of the Worthy Matron. One pleasing reminder of our duties to each other was exemplified by the above Chapter, as officers of Sister Chapters were seen to take part in the work. This is the banner Chapter of the State. Worthy Matron, Sister Caroline Karlsburg.

Acacia Chapter No. 9, of Jersey City, held its last meeting of the season June 27th, 1883. Wm. C. Brown, W. G. Patron, Worthy Patron. Worthy Matron, Sister Mary A. Brown.

I intended to reach Esther Chapter No. 4, of Jersey City, but circumstances over which I had no control prevented, which I very much regretted. I was informed by Associate Grand Matron, Sister A. M. Morgan, who is Worthy Matron, that they did not allow any brothers to become members only when they desired to elect a Patron; also assured me that they were in a prosperous and healthy condition, money in their treasury, peace and harmony prevailing.

In my visitations in New Jersey, the Grand Matron, Sister Lucinda Smith, bore me company.

While in Paterson, I was the guest of P. G. Matron, Sister Annie E. Graul. In Newark, Past Grand Matron, Salina Kinnard, meeting all the Past Grand Matrons and Patrons.

The Chapters in New Jersey, presented me with beautiful floral offerings as tokens of their appreciation of my visits. Who does not love flowers, they delight the eye, gratify the sense, and are eloquent teachers of purity and love. As I received these tokens, a silent prayer went up from the deepest recesses of the heart, that the admonitions silently given me by the flowers, should serve to inspire me to greater fidelity, constancy, purity, hope and fervency. We acknowledge this as the oldest Grand Chapter, and see we have their representative present.

Stella Chapter No. 3, Worcester, Mass. held its last meeting before calling off for summer vacation, Thursday evening, June 23d, 1883. This Chapter boasts of 250 members. Seventy-five brothers have their names enrolled with their wives.

A very cordial invitation from the Grand Matron, Sister M. O. Davis, and the Grand Patron, Brother Wm. A. Farnsworth, through the Grand Secretary, Brother Daniel Seagrave, to visit Massachusetts. I accordingly accepted, and was present with Brother John J. Sproull, of New York. The Grand Officers were present to welcome me, also Past Grand Treasurer, R. Emily Little, of Boston. This Chapter was where our deceased Brother Lamb was an active member. I was the guest of the Worthy Matron, Sister J. W. Rawson, and Sister Laura A. Lamb.

By invitation of R. Emily Little, I visited Boston, and on Monday evening, June 24th, 1883, about forty members of the Order were present at her residence to greet me, from Beulah Chapter, Stoneham; Melrose Chapter, Melrose, and Vesta Chapter, Charleston.

I was present with Excelsior Chapter No. 3, of New Haven, Conn., when they held their Annual Chapter of Sorrow, June 29th 1883. Met present and Past Grand Officers. The ceremony was solemn and very impressive, casting great credit upon the Worthy Matron, Sister M. A. Baldwin, and Worthy Patron, Brother H. S. Hanson, and their Associate Officers.

In all the above Chapters I have been received with uniform courtesy. The Chapters, with a few exceptions, have exemplified the work with literary and musical entertainments and banquets. The evenings all passed pleasantly and profitably.

Butler Chapter No. 36, Chicago, Illinois, held a regular meeting Thursday, June 14th, 1882, Sister Ellen Burpee, Worthy Matron. I was summoned there by telegraph to meet Eastern friends. The Worthy Matron notified me I could not sit with them. I retired. I submitted the question to the Worth Grand Matron of Illinois, Sister Jeanette W. Ashley.

What the position of the Worthy Matron was in her Jurisdiction, who notified the M. W. Grand Matron she could not sit with them

Her reply was, she did not know.

I waited till a change of the administration and submitted the same question to the Grand Patron, Brother John F. Dickinson, Sister Jane F. Cozine, Grand Matron, and they made the following reply:

So long as the Grand Chapter of Illinois is subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, an objection to a visitation of the M. W. Grand Matron in any Chapter in the Jurisdiction is not valid, and the Worth Matron shall receive her as a superior officer of the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

I also submitted this question to the present Grand Matrons of California, New Jersey and Iowa.

I should be remiss in my official duties if I pass the above without notice. It is by no means a pleasant duty. An honor, in my opinion, reaches the position occupied before it does the person, so, also, does an indignity.

The Ritual of the General Grand Chapter is now used in fifteen of the seventeen Grand Chapters. New York will fall in line at its next session. Vermont will follow. Connecticut has used it for some time and should be willing by this time to identify herself with us.

(Masonry of Adoption is the title given to a series of degrees for women, arranged in France about 1765. Mackey says Female Masonry was instituted about 1730, and was under the patronage of the Grand Orient of France for many years. The Masonry of Adoption cspcially flourished under the Empire, the Empress Josephine being at the head of the Order, and many noble and illustrious women being members.) It was so called, it is said, in the Ritual I saw in the hands of Alonzo J. Burton, of Brooklyn, because Freemasons *adopted* in their special labors, in these degrees certain ladies to whom they made known the mysteries that are the basis of this Masonry.

The first degree was called Apprentice.

The lodge room was regarded as being composed of four quarters or parts, each of which was called a "Realm."

The Masonic East is Asia; the West, Europe; The North, America; and the South, Africa.

The officers are: The Venerable Master, who is always the Master of the Lodge to which the Lodge of Adoption is attached; The Admirable Mistress, the Inspector, etc. The Master and Mistress sit in Asia, or the Orient, she on his right. He may defer to her the honor of presiding, in which case he sits on her right to advise and aid her.

No lodge or body can close without the passing round of the box of charity.

The second degree was called Companion, the third Mistress.

On page 19 of this ancient work we find following, in opening ceremony:

Master. By what light do they work?

Answer. By that of the five pointed Star in the Orient.

On same page:

And Orpah knew her mother-in-law; but Ruth came unto her and said:

Entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go, and where thou lodgest I will lodge, thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where

thou diest will I die, and there will I be buried; the Lord do so unto me, and more also if aught, but death part me and thee.

And Boaz answered and said unto her. It hath fully been shewed me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law since the death of thy husband, and how thou hast left thy father and thy mother and the land of thy nativity, and art come unto a people unknown to thee heretofore. The Lord recompense thy work and a full reward be given thee, of the Lord God of Israel under whose wings thou art come to trust.

Page 14 of Companion degree:

Thou enterest here of thine own free will. Whatso'er thou mayest encounter it is of thine own choice. Murmur not therefore at any trial. I set a seal upon thy lips. Let it warn thee to be ever silent and secret as to all that may befall thee, or made known to thee here.

Masonry is in earnest and those whom it adopts must be prepared for sacrifices. Wo unto those who seek to take upon themselves burdens which they are unable to bear.

Wo unto the faithless and insincere who assume their obligations lightly and forthwith forget them. Wo unto the feeble and faint-hearted who enter upon the way and then, disheartened, turn back.

Wo! Wo! Wo unto her who looks with unconcern upon the distresses and sorrows of those less fortunate than herself. Her Father in Heaven will not look lovingly upon her.

Wo unto her who becomes weary and lukewarm in the good work.

She shall not pass within the golden gates of the Celestial City.

On page 33;

And Jeptha came to Mizpeh unto his house, and behold his daughter came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances; and she was his only child; besides her he had neither son nor daughter. And it came to pass when he saw her he rent his clothes, and said: Alas my daughter thou broughtest me into the depths of affliction, and for thee I am in great distress, for I have vowed a vow unto the Lord, a vow which I dare not break. And she said unto him: my father if thou hast made a vow unto the Lord, do to me according to that which hath proceeded out of thy mouth, for as much as the Lord hath taken vengeance for thee of thine enemies the children of Ammon.

In a part of the ceremony of initiation we find the following:

"The color of these white kid gloves will admonish you that candor and truth are inseparable from the character of a female Mason."

The Ritual of these degrees were sublime in the extreme, end beyond our powers to describe; but they show us plainly where the

framers of *our* Ritual borrowed the ideas upon which they made the ground work of our rite.

The time has come when it seems to me we should be on the alert to inaugurate some feasible plan of action that the hundreds of Eastern Star Chapters throughout the United States and Territories may have an "objective motive of organization," as an incentive to earnest work.

Our M. W. G. Patron, Brother Brown, spoke to his own Grand Chapter in words like these: "Would it not be a glorious memorial of Masonry if, in each State, a Masonic Orphans' Home reared its walls heavenward, in testimony of the practical charity of the Order."

I am well aware our Order is too weak yet for any one State to carry such a plan into operation; still, with seventeen Grand Chapters and the Order firmly established in thirty-three States and Territories, who shall dare to say we cannot unite the efforts of twenty-five thousand strong as a grand army of workers, and in the course of a little time carry such a plan into successful operation. Sisters, let us prove to the world that we can be banded together in unity, that we can organize and govern a legislative body successfully, that we can obey, that we can present in an intelligent manner a practical plan of procedure to build a "Home" for the poor and needy, that shall receive the solid indorsement of the Masonic fraternity at large, and in doing this merit their respect and support, dispel the ridicule and prejudice existing to-day in the minds of many Master Masons and their families.

Why not? Does not the Eastern Star hold the dearest ties on earth to man—mother, sister, widow, wife and daughter? Can he, will he ignore these ties? Methinks I hear the answer in the heart of every Master Mason all over this broad land.

We little know how soon our loved ones may be thrown out upon the cold charities of the world. What a glorious thought to us at last, to know we had given our mite toward building the "Home" that should shelter our own? If the time is not yet when this would be a judicious movement, let us create a fund in the General Grand Chapter for the "Widows and Orphans." Sister Walker, Associate Grand Matron of Illinois, proposes this, and says it will stimulate the Grand and Subordinate Chapters to take like action.

Let us increase our revenue, elevate our standard, erect a living monument of charity; contention and strife will be strangers among us; peace, harmony and prosperity will reign supreme. Let us exercise our prerogative as members of the Order for its general good. Let us protect our sisters and brothers as far as Truth, Honor and Justice shall warrant. Let us watch our words that we may speak evil of none; our actions, for they speak louder than words; our thoughts, for with purity of thought our words and actions must be

justice, tempered with charity; our conduct, that example may clasp hands with precept; our hearts, for a pure and contrite heart is beyond the tongue of reproach. Let us watch our words, actions, thoughts, conduct and hearts, proving our fidelity to convictions of right and duty; our obedience to the demands of honor and justice; our loyalty to kindred and friends; our faith in the hour of trial, and our zealous advocacy ot the truth.

So with our words; or harsh or kind,
Unaltered they are not forgot;
They have their influence on the mind,
Pass on—but perish not.
So with our deeds; for good or ill,
They have their power scarce understood
Then let us use our better will,
To make them rife with good.

The Grand Secretary informs me there are thirty-seven Chapters working under the General Grand Chapter in sixteen States and Territories. Twenty-nine charters issued since August, 1880, and a Grand Chapter organized in Ontario.

Total receipts since last session	$2,999 49
Disbursements	2,107 54
Due from Grand Chapters	265 27
On hand in Treasury	626 68

Let me extend congratulations to this Grand Body for the very prosperous condition the Order of the Eastern Star is found to-day. Ohio will soon lift the cloud that hovers over us there, as the Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron, Bro. S. C. Chorlton, is presenting the matter to his brother Masons in a very forcible and judicious manner Under the supervision of the Grand Matron of New Jersey, I trust before this Grand Body shall convene again, the doors of the Masonic Lodges may be thrown open to the Eastern Star there.

Members in Massachusetts are very much exercised over the resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge at its recent session. I fail to find any word or portion of it that can by any possibility mean that Massachusetts brothers shall not join the Eastern Star, composed as it is of *their* own families The State of Massachusetts is far removed from this Jurisdiction, still their records will show the membership in less than ten Chapters to be not far from eighteen hundred.

I shall have traveled over twelve thousand miles in the interest of the Order since our last session, when I shall reach home.

Personally and officially I desire to thank all who have aided me by their sympathy and co-operation in promoting the good of the Eastern Star. Those whose generosity placed me in this very honorable position, will please accept my thanks for the confidence so expressed.

Honors do not come without responsibility, and I have felt the latter keenly, and surrender my authority with genuine pleasure and satisfaction.

Sister Mary A. Flint, Grand Matron of California, and all others, the very cordial and hearty welcome so generously extended to me since I arrived in your beautiful city shall be one of the greatest pleasures in my life, and shall be so recorded in the storehouse of memory.

Let us here, around this altar, renew our obligations to each other; success and prosperity will crown our efforts, and "The Star of the Eastern Star" shall rise and not fall, for united we stand and divided we must fall.

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

On motion of Bro. Jerome Spaulding the address was referred to a special committee of three, the M. W. Grand Patron naming Bros. Jerome Spalding, B. R. Rose, and Sister Emily Rolfe as such committee.

Bro. J. E. Whitcher submitted the following proposed amendments to the Constitution, which, on his motion, were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That Section 6, Article 3, be stricken out.

Resolved, That Article 17 of the Constitution be stricken out.

Bro. R. C. Gaskill moved that when the General Grand Chapter call off, it be until 10 o'clock Tuesday morning next.

Bro. A. H. Kaiser moved to amend by inserting "7 o'clock o-night," in lieu of "10 o'clock Tuesday morning next," which was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then read his report, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, except that portion eferring to charters, which was referred to the Committee on Charters, as follows:

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

The R. W. Grand Secretary takes pleasure in submitting this report of the transactions of his office since our last meeting. By direction of the M. W. Grand Patron commissions have been issued to special deputies to organize Chapters as enumerated in the list of charters issued, and to the following

DEPUTIES OF THE M. W. GRAND PATRON:

Sister Emily Rolfe, Nevada, Cal., in the State of Maine.

Bro. Theodore Merriman, Chico, Texas, in the State of Texas.

Rev. Bro. Daniel W. Coxe, Fremont, Ohio, for the State of Ohio.

Bro. Ewan Burney, Nashville, Tenn., for the State of Tennessee.

Bro. J. M. Thomas, Baltimore, Md., for the State of Maryland.

Bro. Albert O. Ingalls, Lead City, Dakota, for the Territory of Dakota.

Rev. Bro. J. S. Murrow, A-tok-a, I. T., for the Indian Territory.

Bro. Morris Goldwater, Prescott, Arizona, for the Territory of Arizona.

Bro. A. E. Hitchcock, Mitchell, Dakota, in the Territory of Dakota.

Bro. Loron Mitchell, Stevens Point, Wis., in the State of Wisconsin.

Rev. Bro. Robert W. Hill, Salem, Oregon, in the State of Oregon and the Territories of Idaho and Washington.

Bro. Alexander Gardner, Toronto, Ontario, for the Province of Ontario.

Bro. J. M. Thomas, Baltimore, Md., for the District of Columbia.

Bro. S. C. Chorlton, M. D., Columbus, Ohio, in the State of Ohio.

Bro. J. E. Edmiston, Dayton, W. T., in the Territory of Washington.

CHARTERS

Have been issued for the organization of Chapters, as follows:

1. December 29, 1880, Miriam Chapter No. 1, Helena, Lewis and Clarke county, Montana. Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Matron; John Stedman, Patron; Mrs. Mary P. Holton, Associate Matron. Organized January 10, 1881, by Cornelius Hedges, Special Deputy.

2. January 7, 1881, Trinidad Chapter No. 1, Trinidad, Los Animas county, Colorado. Mrs. M. Jaffa, Matron; Wilson L. Smith, Patron; Louisa Burnett, Associate Matron. Organized by M. Beshour, Special Deputy.

3. March 19, 1881, Ruth Chapter No. 2, Butte City, Silver Bow county, Montana. Mrs. Elmira Noyes, Matron; T. C. Porter, Patron; Miss Alice Steele, Associate Matron. Organized April 15, 1881, by John Stedman, Special Deputy.

4. May 31, 1881, Antak-Homa Chapter No. 2, McAlester, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, Mrs. Lalla R. Zimmerman, Matron; E. H. Doyle, Patron; Mrs. Mary Howe, Associate Matron. Organized June 14, 1881, by A. Frank Ross, Special Deputy.

5. November 12, 1881, Evergreen Chapter No. 1, Goldendale, Klickatat county, Washington Territory. Mrs. J. B. Landrum, Matron; Peter Gunn, Patron; Mrs. Peter Gunn, Associate Matron. Organized November 12, 1881, by James B. Landrum, Special Deputy.

6. December 29, 1881, Fayetteville Chapter No. 3, Fayetteville, Lincoln county, Tennessee. Mrs. Jennie F. Thomas, Matron; A. S. Thomas, Patron; Mrs. L. E. M. Vining, Associate Matron. Organized by Ewan Burney, Deputy for Tennessee.

7. February 4, 1882, Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Mitchell, Davis county, Dakota. Mrs. J. E. Valentine, Matron; F. Andros, Patron; Mrs. J. T. Morrow, Associate Matron. Organized by A. E. Hitchcock, Deputy in Dakota.

8. February 6, 1882, Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescott, Yavapai county, Arizona Territory. Mrs. G. W. Curtis, Matron; Wm. H. Kelly, Patron; Mrs. Carrie E. Butler, Associate Matron. Organized March 9, 1882, by Morris Goldwater, Deputy for Arizona.

9. February 9, 1882, Pue-caun-la Chapter No. 3, Colbert, Panola county, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory. Mrs. Morning T. Gooding, Matron; Henry F. Murray, Patron; Miss Athenius M. Colbert, Associate Matron. Organized March 18, 1882, by Rev. J. S. Murrow, Deputy for Indian Territory.

10. March 13, 1882, Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Toronto, York county, Ontario. Mrs. J. W. Thomas, Matron; Alexander Gardner, Patron; Mrs. Ettie Bean, Associate Matron. Organized March 22, 1882, by Alexander Gardner, Deputy for Ontario.

11. March 13, 1882, Victoria Chapter No. 2, Stratford, Perth county, Ontario. Mrs. A. Robertson, Matron; W. T. Rowland, Patron; Mrs. I. G. Yearnen, Associate Matron. Organized March 24, 1882, by Alexander Gardner, Deputy for Ontario.

12. March 25, 1882, Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Louisville, Jefferson county, Kentucky. Miss Annie F. Kalfus, Matron; Lew Varalli, Patron; Mrs. Julia S. Jefferson, Associate Matron. "Supreme Grand Chapter" Charter dated January 15, 1879, surrendered. Organized April 20, 1882, by J. W. Hickman, Special Deputy.

13. March 30, 1882, London Chapter No. 3, London, Middlesex county, Ontario. Mrs. Helen Edge, Matron; Jas. Macquire, Patron; Mrs. Elizabeth Depper, Associate Matron. Organized by Alexander Gardner, Deputy for Ontario.

14. March 30, 1882, Boadicea Chapter No. 4, Eden Grove, Bruce county, Ontario. Mrs. T. Pinkerton, Matron; Peter Salter, Patron; Mrs. J. McBeth, Associate Matron. Organized by Alexander Gardner, Deputy for Ontario.

15. March 30, 1882, Ransford Chapter No. 5, Chatham, Kent county, Ontario. Mrs. Harriet Walker, Matron; I. Reed, Patron; Mrs. Louise Dalmadge, Associate Matron. Organized by Alexander Gardner, Deputy for Ontario.

16. April 15, 1882, Hope Chapter No. 1, Boone, Watauga county, North Carolina. Mrs. M. C. Hardin, Matron; E. F. Lovill, Patron; Mrs. Nannie J. River, Associate Matron. OrganizedMay 25, 1882, by John F. Morphew, Special Deputy.

17. June 15, 1882, Colorado Chapter No. 2, Leadville, Lake county, Colorado. Mrs. A. E. Johnson, Matron; S. O. Hervey, Patron; Miss Maggie Braden, Associate Matron. Organized by B. Fancher, Special Deputy.

18. June 13, 1882, Magnolia Chapter No. 3, Palatka, Putnam county, Florida. Mrs. Martha A. Bowen, Matron; Wm. E. Ransom, Patron; Mrs. Adeline D. McLeod, Associate Matron. Organized June 30, 1882, by Wm. E. Ransom, Special Deputy.

19. June 26, 1882, Cecelia Chapter No. 3, Clarksville, Red River county, Texas. Mrs. M. L. Hazzard, Matron; James H. Cheatham, Patron; Mrs. Sue B. Cheatham, Associate Matron. Organized July 11, 1882, by W. L. Burdett, Special Deputy.

20. August, 2, 1882, Electa Chapter No. 2, Austin, Lander county, Nevada. Mrs. Eliza Crocket, Matron; Andrew Nicholls, Patron; Miss Martha J. Starratt, Associate Matron. Organized by John R. Williamson, Special Deputy.

21. October 30, 1882, Samuel Long Chapter No. 4, Paris, Lamar county, Texas. Mrs. Mary A. Fulton, Matron; A. H. Boyd, Patron; Mrs. Lily Ryan, Associate Matron. "Supreme Grand Chapter" Charter, dated May 28, 1879, surrendered.

22. December 12, 1882, Esther Chapter No. 5, San Antonia, Bexas county, Texas. Mrs. Mary Shardein, Matron; John Walsh, Patron; Mrs. Lelia A. Hamilton, Associate Matron. Organized March 11, 1883, by Nathan H. Gould, Special Deputy.

23. January 22, 1883, Black Hills Chapter No. 2, Rapid City, Pennington county, Dakota. Mrs. Ernestien Floorman, Matron; Alfred J. Pozuansky, Patron; Mrs. Kathrine Smith, Associate Matron. Organized January 22, 1883, by M. D. Paxson, Special Deputy.

24. March 30, 1883, Evergreen Chapter No. 3, Madison, Lake

County, Dakota. Mrs. Lizzie Mellon, Matron; John McCormick, Patron; Mrs. Elizabeth McCormick, Associate Matron. Organized April 16, 1883, by John McCormick, Special Deputy.

25. April 19, 1883, Oriental Chapter, No. 5, Lakeview, Lake County, Oregon. Mrs. Louisa A. Blair, Matron; J. Frankl, Patron; Mrs. Martha Bonebrake, Associate Matron. Organized June 2, 1883, by J. Frankl, Special Deputy.

26. April 20, 1883, Queen City Chapter, No. 6, Queen City, Cass county, Texas. Mrs. M. L. Salmons, Matron; Perry Hawkins, Patron; Mrs. M. A. Wickham, Associate Matron. Organized by George H. Salmons, Special Deputy.

27. May 9, 1883, Rainbow Chapter No. 2, Dayton, Columbia county, Washington. Mrs. Helen E. Edmiston, Matron; M. Piertzycki, Patron; Mrs. L. H. Wolf, Associate Matron. Organized by J. E. Edmiston, Deputy in Washington.

28. June 2, 1883, Beulah Chapter No. 6, Coquelle City, Coos county, Oregon. Mrs. Alice C. McEwin, Matron; William Morris, Patron; Miss Beulah Butler, Associate Matron. Organized by Charles Olive, Special Deputy.

29. June 18, 1883, Hadassah Chapter No. 7, Georgetown, Williamson county, Texas. Mrs. Belle P. Chrietzberg, Matron; D. S. Chesher, Patron; Mrs. E. A. Hodges, Associate Matron. Organized by B. E. Chrietzberg, Special Deputy.

CHARTER REFUSED.

March 7, 1881, a petition signed by ten members of the Order in Baltimore, Baltimore county, Maryland, was received, praying for a charter under the name of Excelsior Chapter No. 2; but Alpha Chapter No. 1 refusing to recommend the petition, the charter was refused June 25, 1881.

CHARTER SURRENDERED.

December 7, 1882, Friendship Chapter No. 1, Elko, Elko county, Nevada, voted to surrender its charter, and, on June 8, 1883, the same was received by me, together with the books and properties of the Chapter, and I issued dimits to those entitled to them.

GRAND CHAPTER ORGANIZED.

May 3, 1882, a convention of the Order was held in Toronto, Ontario, at which the five Chapters in that jurisdiction were duly represented, which proceeded to organize the Grand Chapter of Ontario.

THE GRAND CHAPTERS

Owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter now are:

1. Arkansas.
2. California.
3. Illinois.
4. Indiana.
5. Iowa.
6. Kansas.
7. Massachusetts.
8. Michigan.
9. Minnesota.
10. Missouri.
11. Nebraska.
12. New Jersey.
13. Ontario.

The remaining Grand Chapters are:

1. Mississippi, which has not held a meeting since 1877.
2. Connecticut, which adopted our ritual in 1878, and resolved to co-operate with the General Grand Chapter, and has done so.
3. New York.
4. Vermont.

There are

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in:

1.	Arizona	1
2.	Colorado	2
3.	Dakota	3
4.	Florida	2
5.	Indian Territory	3
6.	Idaho	1
7.	Kentucky	1
8.	Maryland	1
9.	Montana	2
10.	Nevada	1
11.	North Carolina	1
12.	Oregon	6
13.	Tennessee	3
14.	Texas	7
15.	Washington	2
16.	Wyoming	1
	Total	37

So that the Order is now established in thirty-three States, Provinces, and Territories, in thirty of which the General Grand Chapter Ritual is the only one used or recognized.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand last report	$265 80	
Balance due last report	68 94	
Sundry items	6 18	
Rituals sold	1,239 28	
Petitions sold	42 29	
Badges sold	215 86	
Signets sold	203 19	
Ode Cards sold	64 79	
Ribbons sold	129 05	
Summonses sold	5 59	
Dimits sold	11 57	
Ode Books sold	141 57	
Stationery sold	9 68	
Charter Fees	560 00	
Overpaid by Grand Chapters	33 75	
Balance due on open accounts	1 95	
		$2,999 49
Less balances due from Grand Chapters and others		265 27
Cash receipts paid to R. W. Grand Treasurer		$2,734 22

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rituals	$447 07	
Petitions	21 89	
Badges	165 10	
Signets	38 40	
Odes	24 40	
Ribbon	67 24	
Summonses	2 50	
Dimits	4 98	
Ode Books	97 50	
Charter Fee refunded	20 00	
Postage, Express, etc	136 42	
Printing Proceedings	120 00	
Stationery	177 10	
Case for Supplies	61 55	
Salaries—for five years	689 64	
Refunded over payments	33 75	
		$2,107 54
Balance in hands of R W. Grand Treasurer		$626 68

ASSETS.

Cash on hand	$626 68	
Due from Grand Chapters and others	265 27	
Cost of merchandise on hand	300 53	
		$1,192 48
Less indebtedness, balances due on open accounts		1 95
Net assets		$1,190 53

The above "cost of merchandise on hand" does not include anything but saleable supplies. In addition the General Grand Chapter has property, such as electrotype plates, cuts and case, which cost $280.

The work of the office has taken much time and labor, involving as it has, the writing of 1,780 letters, 258 postals, the sending of 5,300 circulars and pamphlets, and over 2,000 other packages by mail and express.

The following official notice of the death of Bro. Lamb was issued on the date noted, and doubtless carried to many hearts the sense of bereavement, but to those who were favored with his intimate personal friendship, his death left a void which still remains:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,

ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876.

INDIANAPOLIS, January 20th, 1882.

It is with profound regret, and with a deep sense of the great loss the Order has sustained, that we announce the death of

BROTHER THOMAS M. LAMB,

Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter from May, 1878, to August, 1880, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts, and Chairman of the Committee which arranged and published the Ritual.

Brother Lamb's death occurred at his home in Worcester, Massachusetts, on the 29th day of December, 1881, at the age of fifty-one. He was a man of warm friendship, clear brain, discriminating judgment, a powerful and efficient writer, and a man scrupulously charitable in all his actions toward his fellow-men. He has left upon the Order an indelible impress, so that he will speak through Initiation, Installation, and Funeral Ceremonies for long years to come.

"A mighty man in Israel has fallen," and the whole Order should mourn at his grave, and share the grief of the widow and the orphan. Let us hope that "beyond the smiling and the weeping of earth," he is now gathered with the loved ones gone before.

WILLIS BROWN,
M. W. Grand Patron.

LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
M. W. Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

DIPLOMA.

The following letter was received May 16, 1882:

NATICK, MASS., May 13, 1882.

WILLIS D. ENGLE, *Right Worthy Grand Secretary:*

DEAR SIR AND BRO.:—At the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter of Massachusets last year, a committee was appointed to procure a design for an Eastern Star Diploma. The result of their efforts is a beautiful design, drawn by pen. It embodies all the emblems of the Order, interwoven with flowers, rustic and chain work. It is the most complete design for a diploma I ever saw for any organization. The Grand Chapter, at our last meeting, purchased it, and I was instructed to correspond with the General Grand Chapter looking to its adoption by that body. If thought favorable of, arrangements can be made to furnish the diploma, or sell the design. Will you call the attention of the Most Worthy Grand Patron to the subject, and inform me of his decision at your earliest convenience.

Yours fraternally,

D. H. L. GLEASON, Grand Patron.

The matter was laid before the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and, in accordance with his desire, I wrote to Brother Gleason, July 6, 1892: "After fully weighing the matter, the Most Worthy Grand Patron does not think it advisable to take any action in the way of producing a diploma. My experience is that there is a very limited demand for them, and as there are two very fair ones in the market, it would be very likely to result in a loss financially to the party undertaking the publication."

Recently I have received a photographic copy of the design, with copy of the action of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts at its session in May last, which was that their delegate to this body be instructed to take the design to San Francisco, and that he use his best endeavors to have the same adopted by the General Grand Chapter.

The papers are herewith submitted. The design is certainly a beautiful and complete one.

ARKANSAS.

From the organization of the General Grand Chapter the position toward it by the Grand Chapter of Arkansas had either been one of inactivity or opposition, despite the efforts made by extensive correspondence to secure a different feeling until the October, 1880, session of that body when it was, with but two dissenting votes,

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star of the State of

Arkansas does acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and adopt the Ritual of the same for the work of this Grand Chapter.

Since which this body has had no more loyal and firm supporters than have been found under the jurisdiction of our southwestern sister.

OHIO.

Upon the record of the Grand Lodge of Masons of Ohio, for the year 1868, is the following:

"*Resolved*, That the "side degrees," otherwise called "adoptive" or "Androgynus" Masonry, are not legitimate Masonic degrees, and do not entitle the recipients thereof to any of the rights or benefits of Masonry. That the conferring of said degrees on women is calculated to deceive and mislead them, and is, therefore, improper.

Resolved, That the Lodges of this jurisdiction are forbidden, under any pretense whatever, to permit their halls to be used for the purpose of conferring said degrees."

Brother S. C. Chorlton, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, has been laboring zealously for the Order in this State, but has thus far very wisely confined his efforts to obtaining the repeal of the resolutions cited above, and to that end I had printed for him the requisite number of circulars, etc., to put the matter before each Masonic Lodge in the jurisdiction, and many words of encouragement have been received by him in answer thereto. In a recent letter he says: "I have had several very encouraging letters from Lodges, some of whom wanted application blanks at once. I have little doubt about having a Grand Chapter in Ohio by the first of January."

MARYLAND.

The soil of this State does not seem to be the very best for the planting of the Order, but Brother J. M. Thomas, Deputy, does not appear to be discouraged. In a recent letter he writes: "I would like to say, through you, that we in little Maryland mean business, and we will make a square fight, not to maintain what we have, but earn an official representation soon in the General Grand Chapter."

MISSISSIPPI.

The following letter from the Grand Patron of Mississippi was received June 13, 1881:

GRAND CHAPTER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
OFFICE OF THE GRAND WORTHY PATRON,
JACKSON, MISS., June 11, 1881.

DEAR BRO. ENGLE:—The Grand Chapter Eastern Star of this State has had no meeting since 1877. The yellow fever in 1878 prevented a meeting that year; and the apprehension of fever prevented a meeting in 1879. Other causes prevented a meeting last year and I have called no meeting this year. Our Grand Worthy Matron is in a low state of health, and has been for more than a year, so that if I had the time to work up a meeting, I could not have her co-operation. Notwithstanding all this a few Chapters continue to meet, and occasional inquiries are made as to an annual meeting. But so many duties are demanding my time, I can not give to the Eastern Star the attention it deserves and should have to prosper. I have repeatedly tried to retire from the office of Grand Patron, but each time unanimously re-elected. Under all the circumstances I have thought it best to take the responsibility of transferring the Order in this State to the fostering care of the General Grand Chapter. You have our last Proceedings, and can correspond with the Chapters. All I ask is to be relieved of the honors and labors incident to the office of Grand Patron. Fraternally,

J. L. POWER.

After correspondence with the Most Worthy Grand Patron, the following answer was returned:

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., June 21, 1881.

DEAR BRO. POWER:—Your favor of the 11th inst. came duly at hand, and has received due consideration. I regret the condition of Eastern Star matters in your State, and will do all I can to improve them. At present the only thing I see that can be done is to have a meeting of the Grand Chapter, if it is possible to get one, and of course you or the Grand Matron only have authority to do that. I appreciate the fact that your time is fully occupied with other matters, yet I trust that you will see your way clear to have a meeting of the Grand Chapter soon, that the order in your State may be put under some governing body. The General Grand Chapter can exercise no territorial jurisdiction in your State as long as your Grand Chapter exists, nor does it desire to do it at all, but would much prefer that your Grand Chapter should be made a live

body. The General Grand Chapter, like the entire Order, is governed by written laws, and beyond them it has no authority to go. I trust, my dear brother, that you will assemble your Grand Chapter as soon as possible and recommend to it such action as you may deem best for its future well-being. If you cannot do this personally, you might appoint as your Deputy, some brother who could. Anything that I can do, I will do cheerfully, and trust that you will keep me advised as to what is done. Hoping to hear from you soon, and with the kindest regards, I am,

Very truly and fraternally yours,

WILLIS D. ENGLE.

Further correspondence failed to elicit any action on the part of Brother Power, and to ascertain the actual state of the Order in the jurisdiction on December 17, 1881, I addressed to each Chapter therein a circular letter making inquiries as to their present condition, and to ascertain how many would be represented should a meeting of the Grand Chapter be called. The answers received, while not as numerous or as satisfactory as we desired, indicated that a quorum could be had should the Grand Chapter be called to meet at Kosciusko, and of this fact I informed Brother Power on March 27, 1883, and again urged him to issue a call for a meeting, but his answer was: "I can do nothing further in the premises."

April 2, 1883, I wrote Most Worthy Brother P. M. Savery, an old time active worker in the Order, and at present Grand Master of Masons in Mississippi, as follows:

"I do wish something could be done to place the Order of the Eastern Star in Mississippi upon a better footing. I am in receipt of frequent inquiries relative to the Order from your State, and desires expressed for the organization of Chapters; but I am, of course, compelled to say in reply that I can do nothing. If anything is to come of the Order in your State some facts have to be faced. As I wrote Brother Power, I am assured that should the Grand Chapter be called to meet at a certain place a quorum could be had; but the Grand Matron can not, and the Grand Patron will not convene the Grand Chapter. There is some life left in the Order, but of course under the circumstances it is growing less and less. Is there no remedy, or must the Order die?"

This brought the prompt response from Brother Savery, as follows:

"If Brother Power has positively declined to do anything more, I'll take hold of the plow myself * * I am often asked to revive the Chapters in Northeastern Mississippi, and think I can do so, but have always awaited orders from Grand Patron Power. If he declines to

work, I can do as in the beginning—organize. * * Past Grand Masters Howry and Barkley are members of the Order, and if Sister Grand Matron, Annie T. Clark, had not been stricken down and by sickness confined, a confirmed invalid, to her room, the Grand Chapter of Mississippi would have been one of the most prosperous in the United States."

Under date of August 3, Brother Savery says: "We have in this town (Tupelo) a sister, Mrs. M. J. Hunter, the first Grand Matron of Mississippi, who is willing to do all she can to revive the Order in Mississippi, and I doubt not that with her assistance we may be able to create a *faint glow* this fall. I am assured that we can reorganize at least five of the old Chapters, but the sisters who formerly were the soul of the Order here are, many of them, removed to other States or have been called from their work on earth to reward in heaven. We do not promise to create a grand revolution in favor of the Adoptive Rite, but hope this fall, when our sisters get back from their summer excursions, to do something to advance the interests of the Order in Mississippi."

NEW JERSEY.

At its session October 13, 1880, the Grand Chapter of this State adopted the following:

Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of New Jersey withdraws its acknowledgement of and allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and hereby declares itself a free and Independent Grand Chapter.

To secure the reversal of this action, required an extended and lengthy correspondence with members of the Order in the jurisdiction, in which I did the best I could to second the efforts of Brother John N. Bunnell, Grand Patron, and the other zealous friends of a united Order which New Jersey is known to possess.

On October 19th, 1881, I received the following official communication from Mrs. Anna M. Mayhew, Grand Secretary:

"It is with pleasure that I inform you that at the regular meeting of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, held in Newark, October 3, 1881, the Grand Patron, Brother John N. Bunnell, recommended in his address that we renew our allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. The committee to whom was referred the address concurred in it, and, on motion, it was unanimously adopted."

A result more favorable than could have been hoped for.

NEW YORK.

The general aspect of affairs in this State as regards the General Grand Chapter remains unchanged, although there are many indi-

cations which point to a change for the better at no distant day. I have enjoyed the opportunity of personal interviews and extended correspondence with many of the most earnest workers in the jurisdiction, and several officers of the Grand Chapter, which have, to some extent, promoted a kindly feeling towards this body, as may be evidenced by the tone of my correspondence extending through the whole period since our last meeting, as well as by the following extracts from the address of Robert J. Greenwood, Grand Patron, to the Grand Chapter in 1881:

"The General Grand Chapter is rendering such valuable assistance in holding up our beautiful and useful Order, that I feel, as Grand Patron of the State of New York, I should be doing a great wrong to the entire Order if I should neglect to take some official notice of it. * * * Nor have I any intention to attempt to lead this Grand Chapter into the General Grand Chapter; that I am very willing to leave to your wisdom; but I think it not well for a Grand Body which has, according to our last report, jurisdiction over only twenty-nine Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 1,367, to hold itself antagonistic to a Grand Body which is made up of eleven Grand Chapters, consisting of 198 Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of 10,089. * * * To this large and highly respectable body, embracing more than three-quarters of our entire strength in the United States, this Grand Chapter has been tacitly opposed ever since its organization — without any reason for such opposition so far as this Grand Chapter is or has been concerned. Nor has our opposition always been tacit, as you will see by the following resolution, passed unanimously by this Grand Chapter in 1879:

"*Resolved*, That the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary be, and are hereby authorized and empowered by this Grand Chapter to grant charter, on proper application, in all places were no Grand Chapter exists. * * *

"The Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter very justly, in my opinion, complains to me of the above resolution, and of the action of this Grand Chapter, because we thereby ignore the existence of the General Grand Chapter, and invade its territory, acts of which we should certainly complain, were we situated in like cirumstances.

"I leave it now for the wisdom of this Grand Chapter to decide, if we, keeping in view the best interests of our Order, and the Masonic emancipation of woman, can afford to ignore a Grand Body of our Order, which has assumed such magnificent proportions, and a body that is doing more for the building up of the Order, than all else combined."

So the good work goes slowly on, and we may safely predict that

when the true-hearted sisters and brothers of the Empire State fully realize the aims and objects of the General Grand Chapter, outliving the prejudices conceived in misunderstandings, they will not only wheel into line, but take their place in the van of the Order's progress.

VERMONT.

There are many zealous friends of the General Grand Chapter numbered among the brothers and sisters of Vermont, and the question of co-operation with us has often been talked over in their annual meetings, and while, if it was their desire to precipitate an issue, there might be found a majority in favor thereof, yet as the actions of the Grand Chapter have always been actuated by the spirit of unity, it has been deemed best to let the subject receive due consideration at their hands, trusting that the unanimity that characterized the actions of the Grand Chapters of Arkansas and New Jersey, may, at no distant day, bring the Eastern Star of the Green Mountain State within our jurisdiction. The principal objection seems to be based upon financial reasons; but as action is now pending in the Grand Chapter upon an amendment to the Constitution which, if adopted, will improve the financial foundation, we may, with lively hope, look forward to no very distant day, when our fellowship may be complete.

CONCLUSION.

My relation with my superior officers and all other members of the Order with whom I have been brought into contact, have been of the most pleasant nature, and, particularly am I under obligations to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, for their uniform courtesy and kindness, which I have to the best of my ability endeavored to reciprocate.

In conclusion, a word of explanation may be in order, that none may suppose that I have infringed upon the duties of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in the actions herein reported. In justice to myself, I desire to say that Bro. Brown, owing to causes which he has explained in his address, left to my discretion much that would otherwise have been his own prerogative, and I herewith submit the report of the same to the consideration of this Body, only asking that however you may judge the wisdom of my actions, you will give me credit for having in each and every instance done what seemed to be, as the subject was presented to my mind, for the best and lasting good of the Order.

WILLIS D. ENGLE.
R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer then read her re-

port, as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

Statement of Receipts and Disbursements of Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Treasurer of the Order of the Eastern Star.

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BY W. D. ENGLE, GRAND SECRETARY.

Dec. 8, 1880.	Warrants, Nos. 1 to 9, inclusive	$449 41
Dec. 16, 1881.	Warrants, Nos. 10 to 17, inclusive	278 91
July 16, 1881.	Cash	100 00
Aug. 2, 1881.	Warrants, Nos. 18 to 21, inclusive	114 42
Jan. 20, 1882.	Warrants, Nos. 22 to 25, inclusive	193 43
Aug. 5, 1882.	Warrants, Nos. 26 to 28, inclusive	330 06
Aug. 5, 1882.	Draft on New York	200 00
Feb. 14, 1883.	Draft on New York	100 00
Feb. 14, 1883.	Warrants, Nos. 29 to 32, inclusive	270 14
July 31, 1883.	Draft on New York	226 68
July 31, 1883.	Warrants, Nos. 33 to 36, inclusive	371 17
Total		$2,734 22

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To Warrants, Nos. 1 to 36, inclusive	$2,107 54
Cash on hand	626 68
Total	$2,734 22

JENNIE E. MATHEWS,

R. W. Grand Treasurer, G. G. C.

ROCKFORD, IOWA, July 31, 1883.

On motion of Bro. W. D. Engle, the General Grand Chapter was called off until 7 o'clock this evening.

AUGUST 18, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 7 P. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron, Bro. A. J. McPike, acting as M. W. Grand Patron, *pro tem.*

The Committee on Credentials then submitted the following report:

The Committee on Credentials respectfully reports that the following persons are present and entitled to seats in this Body:

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, M. W. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
Rev. Willis D. Engle, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Miss Nellie M. Owens, W. Grand Conductress.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

CALIFORNIA—George J. Hobe, P. G. P.
Charles L. Thomas, P. G. P.
I. J. Rolfe, P. G. P.
Jeremiah E. Whitcher, P. G. P.
Rollin C. Gaskill, P. G. P.
Jerome Spaulding, P. G. P.
Mrs. Mary E. Gillespie, P. G. M.
Mrs. Henrietta Whitcher, P. G. M.
Mrs. Frances E. Ryder, P. G. M.
Mrs. Fena W. Ford, P. G. M.
Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, P. G. M.
Mrs. Emily Rolfe, P. G. M
Mrs. Annie E. Donglas, P. G. M.
Mrs. S. Jennie Mann, P. G. M.

ILLINOIS—Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. G. M.

INDIANA—Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. G. M.
Rev. Willis D. Engle, P. G. P.

IOWA—Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, P. G. M.

MICHIGAN—B. R. Rose, P. G. P.
Rosan Rose, P. G. M.

REPRESENTATIVES.

ARKANSAS—Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, proxy for Grand Patron and Grand Matron.

CALIFORNIA—Mrs. Mary A. Flint, Grand Matron.
Rev. A. E. Hitchcock, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Caroline Seeley, Associate Grand Matron
A. J. McPike, Associate Grand Patron.

ILLINOIS—Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, proxy for Grand Matron. Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron

INDIANA—Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Grand Matron.
A. H. Kaiser, Grand Patron.

IOWA—Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Matron.
Thomas R. Ercanbrack, Grand Patron.
Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

KANSAS—Willis D. Engle, proxy for Grand Matron.

MASSACHUSETTS—Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, proxy for Grand Matron. Mrs. Abbie E. Wood, proxy for Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN—Mrs. Rosan Rose, proxy for Grand Matron.

MINNESOTA—Mrs. Mattie A. Robinson, proxy for Grand Patron.

NEW JERSEY—Mrs. Lucinda Smith, Grand Matron.
J. R. Smith, proxy for Grand Patron.

ONTARIO—Miss Mary E. Engle, proxy for Grand Patron.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. KAISER,
EMILY ROLFE,
B. R. ROSE,
WILLIS D. ENGLE.

On motion of Bro. A. F. Hitchcock, the report was unanimously concurred in.

Rev. Bro. W. D. Engle offered the following, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That Section 3, Article II of the Constitution be amended by adding "in the Grand Jurisdiction they represent," after the words "Subordinate Chapter."

Sister Abbie E. Wood offered the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That Sec. 2, Article II, be amended by inserting after the word "proxies" (who shall be either Grand or Past Grand elective officers).

A communication was read from Mrs. Thomas M. Lamb, expressing her sense of obligation for the numerous expressions of sympathy received by her, which was ordered noted on the minutes, and the R. W. Grand Secretary was directed to reply to the same.

Communications were then read, and ordered noted on the minutes, from the following sisters and brothers:

Elizabeth Butler, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron; Mary A. Hepler, Past Grand Matron of Kansas; John N. Bunnell, Past Grand Patron, Mary J. Bunnell, Past Grand Matron, John M. Mayhew, Past Grand Patron of New Jersey; John J. Sproull, Past Grand Secretary of New York; John F. Dickinson, Grand Patron of Illinois; W. M. Black, W. Grand Sentinel; Alexander Gardner, Grand Patron of Ontario, and from John F. Bunnell, Past Grand Patron, with ritual and suggested amendments.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin presented the following action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, which, on her motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Extracts from the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Illinois, October 5, 1882:

"Your committee would respectfully recommend that the suggestion of the Worthy Grand Patron, in regard to Section 9, Article II, Part II, and Section 27, Article II, Part II, be referred to the General Grand Chapter, with recommendations that they be adopted.

"H. B. Cozine,
"Lizzie Mulford,
"*Committee.*

"Moved by Bro. Thomas Ruggles, and properly seconded, that the whole above matter, with the report of committee be referred to the General Grand Chapter for consideration. Carried."

[The sections referred to above are as follows:

Sec. 9. Any member of a Chapter has the right to object to the initiation of a candidate at any time before the pledge of secrecy is given, and such objection shall be a bar to the progress of the candidate for three months, and there is no authority to supersede the objection.

Sec. 27. Members of sister Chapters, who have been examined with due vigilance and caution by a committee of examination duly appointed by the presiding officer, have the right of visitation at all meetings of the Chapter; *Provided*, No objection is advanced by a member. Every member of a Chapter has the unrestricted right to object to the visit of any one, not a member, for the evening.]

"Moved that our Representative to the General Grand Chapter be instructed to bring before that Body, the advisability of making such change in initiatory work as to make it the duty of the Worthy Matron to perform all the work, with the exception of conferring the obligation."

Bro. A. H. Kaiser submitted the following proposed amendment to the Constitution, which, on his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Resolved, That Section 2, Article II of the Constitution, be amended by inserting the following after the word proxy: "Who shall be Grand or Past Grand Officers in the Grand Chapter from which said credentials come."

On motion of Bro. A. H. Kaiser, Sister Abbie E. Wood was appointed a committee to present to the General Grand Chapter designs for Grand and Past Grand Officers' jewels.

Sister Nettie Ransford moved that the General Grand Chapter elect officers at 11 o'clook A. M. on the next day of the session.

Sister Emily Rolfe moved to amend by fixing the election for 3 o'clock on the next day's session.

The amendment was then adopted. The resolution as amended was then adopted.

Sister Fena W. Ford moved that the next session of this body be held at 9 o'clock next Tuesday morning.

Brother A. H. Kaiser moved to amend by fixing the time for 9 o'clock Friday morning.

The amendment was not adopted.

The original motion was then adopted.

On motion of Sister Emily Rolfe, the General Grand Chapter was called off until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning, in the B'nai B'rith Hall.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Aug. 21, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 9 o'clock A. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron, Brother R. C. Gaskill acting as M. W. Grand Patron.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Sister Henrietta Whitcher moved that the vote by which the report of the Committee on Credentials was adopted, be reconsidered.

Bro. W. D. Engle raised a point of order, that the motion could not be entertained until the proper order of business is reached, which the M. W. Grand Matron decided was not well taken.

Sister Emily Rolfe called for a vote by roll call, which, being duly seconded by two other members, was proceeded with, and resulted as follows:

FOR RECONSIDERATION.

Lorraine J. Pitkin, M. W. Grand Matron	1 vote
Jennie E. Matthews, R. W. Grand Treasurer	1 vote
Nellie M. Owens, W. Grand Conductress	1 vote
Jeremiah E. Whitcher, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
R. C. Gaskill, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
Henrietta Whitcher, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
F. E. Ryder, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Fena W. Ford, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Annie E. Douglas, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Grand Chapter of Illinois—	
Lorraine J. Pitkin, proxy for G. M., G. P., A. G. M. and A. G. P.	4 votes
Grand Chapter of Iowa—	
Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Matron	1 vote
T. R. Ercanbrack, Grand Patron	2 votes
H. A. Ercanbrack, proxy for A. G. M	1 vote
Grand Chapter of New Jersey—	
Lucinda Smith, Grand Matron	2 votes
J. R. Smith, proxy for G. P.	2 votes
Total	21 votes

AGAINST RECONSIDERATION.

Ada A. Libbey, R. W. A. Grand Matron	1 vote
Willis D. Engle, R. W. Grand Secretary	1 vote
George J. Hobe, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
Jerome Spaulding, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
Mary E. Gillespie, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Emily Rolfe, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
S. J. Mann, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
B. R. Rose, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
Rosan Rose, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Grand Chapter of California—	
Mary A. Flint, Grand Matron	2 votes
Caroline Seeley, Associate Grand Matron	2 votes
Grand Chapter of Indiana—	
Nettie Ransford, Grand Matron	2 votes
A. H. Kaiser, Grand Patron	2 votes
Grand Chapter of Michigan—	
Rosan Rose, proxy for Grand Matron	4 votes
Total	21 votes

Whereupon the motion to reconsider was declared not adopted.

On motion, the General Grand Chapter was called off until 2 o'clock this afternoon.

AUGUST 21, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 2 o'clock, and was called to order by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Bro. A. H. Kaiser presented the following supplemental report, which was adopted.

The Committee on Credentials respectfully reports that there are present and entitled to seats:

INDIANA—Wm. H. Smythe, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
KANSAS—C. T. Mathews, proxy for Grand Patron.
MICHIGAN—Mrs. Mary B. Snyder, Grand Past Matron.
MISSOURI—John R. Parson, Representative.
Mrs. Emeline Parson, proxy for Grand Matron.

A. H. KAISER,
B. R. ROSE,
W. D. ENGLE,
EMILY ROLFE.

Bro. Jerome Spaulding then read the following report:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your committee, to whom was referred the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, respectfully report that we have given this very able and instructive paper as careful a consideration as the time and circumstances would permit, both of which we regret to say, have not been favorable to so important a duty.

We would recommend that so much of the address as refers to decisions made by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and opinions expressed, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

We concur with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, that the particular method by which a vote may be expressed in any subordinate body of the Order is a matter to be determined by the body itself.

Your committee fully approve the remarks and recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, respecting the establishment of some regular form of opening and closing the General Grand Chapter, and would recommend that a committee be apppointed for the purpose. Also, that the same committee be authorized and instructed to establish some form for constituting Chapters, that such committee have full power to act in the matter, and that such forms as they may establish shall be embodied in the Ritual.

We would recommend that so much of the address as refers to amending the Constitution be referred to the Committee on Constitution.

That so much as refers to revenue for the General Grand Chapter be referred to the Finance Committee.

The remarks referring to this subject has been forcibly and well expressed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron. The necessity of an adequate revenue, for the General Grand Chapter must be too patent to the members of this session to be lightly considered. We trust that the Finance Committee will well consider what may be an adequate revenue, and make the necessary provisions for the same.

We recommend that the expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, incurred while acting in her official capacity for the benefit of the Order, and also her recommendation respecting the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary be referred to the Finance Committee.

Your committee concur in the opinion expressed by the M. W. Grand Matron respecting the utility of a diploma or traveling card to be adopted by this General Grand Chapter, not only as a passport for a member desiring to visit other Chapters and other Jurisdictions, but in no small degree a protection to Chapters from impositions.

We would therefore recommend that this matter regarding the

expenditure of money, be referred to the Committee on Finance, and that said committee be instructed to consider the propriety of adopting the diploma recommended and forwarded to the M. W. Grand Matron by the Grand Patron of Massachusetts, Bro. William A. Farnsworth.

We refer the committee to the communication from Bro. Farnsworth to the M. W. Grand Matron, (embodied in her address) for the terms upon which the General Grand Chapter can secure the copyrighted Diploma of Massachusetts.

The recommendation of the M. W. Grand Matron that a mourning page in the printed proceedings of this session be set apart to the memory of our late Bro, Thomas M. Lamb, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron and Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts, and that a committee be appointed to draft resolutions as a tribute of respect to his memory, which resolutions shall be embodied in the proceedings of this session, and a copy thereof forwarded to his family, meets with the hearty concurrence of your committee, who recommend that the same be adopted.

The recommendation of the M. W. Grand Matron, respecting the official bond of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and Secretary is approved by your committee; also, the recommendation to "appoint a committee to revise the Constitution, and more explicitly define its authority."

We also approve the suggestion of the Most Worthy Grand Matron that the General Grand Chapter, at this session, establish a uniformity of regalia and jewels for Grand Chapters, also regalias and jewels for its own use. To this end we would recommend that a Committee consisting of the incoming Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Right Worthy Grand Secretary, be appointed for the purpose.

The indignity offered the Most Worthy Grand Matron, by the Worthy Matron of Butler Chapter No. 36, Chicago, Ill., at a regular meeting of that Chapter June 14, 1882, by which she was notified by the said Worthy Matron that she could not sit in the said Chapter, as set forth in the Most Worthy Grand Matron's address, was in the opinion of your Committee not only a gross insult to the high office held by that officer, but also to the General Grand Chapter, and your Committee fully approve the opinion expressed by the Grand Patron and Grand Matron of the jurisdiction of Illinois, Bro. John F. Dickinson, and Sister J. F. Cozine. In this connection the Committee recommend that the Committee on Constitution draft an amendment thereto, which shall protect the officers of this General Grand Chapter from like indignities in the future.

That portion of the address which treats of the origin and history

of the Eastern Star, shows that careful research and studious painstaking effort, which marks the pioneer in the progress of all institutions, and renders the author justly entitled to the grateful thanks of the Order.

The founding of an Orphans' Home by the Order, by States, or even by the whole Order combined, as set forth in the address so feelingly, shows the correct spirit, the kind, philanthropic, noble impulse of a good heart, the best and noblest principle of humanity (charity). Such an institution would indeed be the pride of our Order, and would elicit the praise and admiration of all, but when it has been the subject of thoughtful consideration of Grand Lodges of Freemasons these many years, without having been carried into effect, save in the State of Kentucky, and when we read the history of that institution carefully, and consider the wide difference between the theoretical and practical side of the question, your Committee are of the opinion that our Order will be slow to engage in an enterprise of such doubtful success, and believe (at the present at least) it were better that each individual Chapter continue in the future as in the past, to extend the helping hand wherever and whenever needed within its fraternal circle.

We are not, however, without hope that the Order of the Eastern Star may develop into that high degree of excellence that it shall surpass even the great brotherhood of Masonry in deeds of kindness and charity, and that our Most Worthy Grand Matron may live to see the day when her generous desires, so earnestly advocated in her address, shall be carried into practical effect.

Respectfully submitted.

JEROME SPAULDING.
EMILY ROLFE,
B. R. ROSE.

The Committee on Unfinished Business submitted the following:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that the examination of the proceedings of the last session do not disclose any business for the committee.

Respectfully submitted.

GEORGE J. HOBE,
A. H. KAISER,
H. WHITCHER.

On motion of Sister S. Jennie Mann, a committee of three was appointed by the M. W. Grand Matron to draft a resolution of thanks to the committee which extended the privilege to the members of this body of attending the religious services of the Knights Templar in the Pavilion last Sunday

evening, consisting of S. Jennie Mann, Mary E. Engle, I. J. Rolfe.

On motion of Sister Mary A. Flint, the jurisdiction of this body over Mrs. Parnell, a resident of Washington Territory, was waived in favor of Ivy Chapter No. 27, of San Francisco, Cal.

Brother J. E. Whitcher submitted the following report:

To the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence has had under consideration the resolution of Bro. J. E. Whitcher to strike out of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter Article XVII, and have carefully considered the subject, and from many expressions of many of the members of the General Grand Chapter, suggesting the great necessity of many amendments to the Constitution; and that as no amendment can be acted upon at this session, unless the proposed alterations or amendments were offered at the first day of the session, and as the opening of the General Grand Chapter was at so late an hour in the day, there was very limited opportunity for offering many necessary amendments, we are of the opinion that it will be for the good of the Order to have said Article stricken out; we, therefore, offer the following:

Resolved, That Article XVII of the Constitution be stricken out.

J. E. Whitcher,
J. E. Mathews,
Mrs. T. R. Ercanbrack,
J. Spaulding.

It was moved that the proposed amendment be adopted.

The hour of three having arrived, Bro. R. C. Gaskill moved that the special order for that hour be postponed thirty minutes.

Bro. A. H. Kaiser moved to lay the motion on the table, which was adopted.

The election was then proceeded with; Bro. B. R. Rose and Sister Nettie Ransford were appointed tellers, and resulted as follows:

Rollin C. Gaskill, Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Jennie E. Mathews, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
B. R. Rose, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Lucinda Smith, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Rosan Rose, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Pending the announcement of the result of the ballot for Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, there having been several blank slips deposited in the ballot box, it was on motion of Bro. Jerome Spaulding,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this body, that blanks shall not be counted as ballots.

The consideration of the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence was then resumed, and a vote by roll-call was had, which resulted:

AYES.

Lorraine J. Pitkin, Most Worthy Grand Matron	1 vote
Jennie E. Mathews, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer	1 vote
J. E. Whitcher, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
R. C. Gaskill, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
Jerome Spaulding, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
M. E. Gillespie, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Henrietta Whitcher, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
F. E. Ryder, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Annie E. Douglas, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Rosan Rose, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Grand Chapter of Arkansas—	
L. J. Pitkin, proxy for G. M., G. P., A. G. M., A. G. P	4 votes
Grand Chapter of California—	
Caroline Seeley, Associate Grand Matron	2 votes
Grand Chapter of Illinois—	
Lorraine J. Pitkin, proxy for G. M., G. P., A. G. M. and A. G. P	4 votes
Grand Chapter of Iowa—	
Jennie E. Mathews, Grand Matron	1 vote
T. R. Ercanbrack, Grand Patron	2 votes
Harriet A. Ercanbrack, proxy for Associate Grand Matron	1 vote
Grand Chapter of Massachusetts—	
Lorraine J. Pitkin, proxy for Grand Matron	4 votes
Grand Chapter of Michigan—	
Rosan Rose, proxy for Grand Matron	4 votes
Grand Chapter of New Jersey—	
Lucinda Smith, Grand Matron	2 votes
J. R. Smith, proxy for Grand Patron	2 votes
Total	36 votes

NAYS.

Ada A. Libbey, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron	1 vote
Willis D. Engle, Right Worthy Grand Secretary	1 vote
I. J. Rolfe, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
Emily Rolfe, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
S. Jennie Mann, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
Mary E. Snyder, Past Grand Matron	1 vote
B. R. Rose, Past Grand Patron	1 vote
Grand Chapter of California—	
Mary A. Flint, Grand Matron	2 votes
Grand Chapter of Indiana—	
Nettie Ransford, Grand Matron	2 votes
A. H. Kaiser, Grand Patron	2 votes
Grand Chapter of Kansas—	
Willis D. Engle, proxy for Grand Matron	4 votes
Grand Chapter of Minnesota—	
Mattie A. Robinson, proxy for Grand Patron	4 votes
Grand Chapter of Ontario—	
Mary E. Engle, proxy for Grand Patron	4 votes
Total	25 votes

Whereupon the amendment was declared adopted.

Sister Nettie Ransford submitted the following, which was concurred in:

The Committee on Charters respectfully report that they have examined that portion of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, relating to Charters, and the petitions and other papers relating thereto, and find the same correct and the actions regular. They therefore recommend that the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary in the premises be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

NETTIE RANSFORD,
MARY A. FLINT.

Bro. T. R. Ercanbrack submitted the report of the Finance Committee.

Bro. R. C. Gaskill moved that the report be received and concurred in.

Bro. A. H. Kaiser moved to re-commit the report, which was adopted.

Sister Rosan Rose announced that after consideration she had concluded to decline the office of R. W. Grand Treasurer, to which she had been elected.

On motion of Nettie Ransford, the General Grand Chapter was called off until 7:30 o'clock this evening.

AUGUST 21, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 7:30 P. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron.

The Committee on Finance asked to be discharged from further consideration of their report which had been re-committed to them.

On motion of Sister Emily Rolfe, the committee was directed to submit their report to-morrow morning.

Owing to their absence, Bro. A. J. McPike and Sister Nellie M. Owens were discharged from service on the Committee on Address of the M. W. Grand Patron, and Bro. John R. Parson and Sister Annie E. Douglas, appointed.

Owing to absence, Bro. T. R. Ercanback was excused from service on the Finance Committee, and Bro. I. J. Rolfe was appointed in his place.

The following was submitted:

Your committee, to which was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Patron, have considered the same, and recommmend that so much as relates to decisions be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and that the address be printed with the proceedings.

JOHN R. PARSON,
ANNIE E. DOUGLAS,
NETTIE RANSFORD.

The election of R. W. Grand Treasurer was then proceeded with, Brother Rose and Sister Ransford acting as tellers, which resulted in the election of Nettie Ransford, who declining to serve, the election was proceeded with, which resulted in the election of John R. Parson.

Bro. John R. Parson submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted:

WHEREAS, Bro. Willis D. Engle has served this General Grand Chapter as Grand Secretary from the organization of this body to the present time, at a great sacrifice of his time, and with very slight remuneration; therefore,

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter are due and are hereby tendered to Bro. Engle for his faithful and efficient services, and that we recognize the fact that the success of this Grand Body is largely due to his indefatigable labors.

Bro. R. C. Gaskill moved that when the General Grand Chapter call off it be until Friday morning at 9 o'clock, which was not adopted.

On motion, the installation of officers was proceeded with, pending which the Grand Matron elect announced the appointment of the following officers:

REV. WILLIS D. ENGLE, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
MRS. ANNIE E. DOUGLAS, W. Grand Conductress.
MRS. MARY E. SNYDER, W. A. Grand Conductress.
MISS LEILA B. MCBRIDE, W. Grand Adah.
MRS. M. O. DAVIS, W. Grand Ruth.
MRS. JANE F. COZINE, W. Grand Esther.
MRS. A. A. PALMER, W. Grand Martha.
MRS. AMELIA C. PETERS, W. Grand Electa.
MRS. H. C. SMITH, W. Grand Warder.
W. M. BLACK, W. Grand Sentinel.
A. H. KAISER, W. Grand Marshal.

Bro. I. J. Rolfe, acting M. W. Grand Patron, with Mary A. Flint, as W. Grand Marshal, then installed the following officers:

R. G. GASKILL, M. W. Grand Patron.
JENNIE E. MATHEWS, M. W. Grand Matron.
B. R. ROSE, R. W. Associate Patron.
LUCINDA SMITH, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. Grand Secretary.
JOHN R. PARSON, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
ANNIE E. DOUGLAS, W. Grand Conductress.
MARY E. SNYDER, W. Associate Grand Conductress.
A. H. KAISER, W. Grand Marshal.

A motion was made to adjourn until Friday morning at 9 o'clock, which was amended, on motion of Brother Engle, to read until to-morrow at 7:30 o'clock P. M., which was adopted.

The motion, as amended, was then adopted, and the General Grand Chapter was called off until 7:30 o'clock tomorrow.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., August 23, 1883.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 7:30 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron, and the business was proceeded with, the M. W. Grand Patron presiding.

Bro. I. J. Rolfe submitted the following report of the Finance Committee:

Your Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the reports of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, respectfully report that they have carefully examined the accounts of the above named General Grand Officers, and find them correct.

Your Committee do not concur in the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in regard to fixing the fees for the Degrees of the Order at $5, believing that it would cause dissatisfaction in many of the Grand Jurisdictions.

We concur in the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron that the Constitution be so amended as to allow the General Grand Chapter to collect membership dues of fifty cents from Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction.

We fail to discover the necessity for levying a per capita tax of two cents upon the members of the Order for the benefit of the General Grand Chapter, as recommended by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

In view of the faithful and efficient services rendered by our R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. Engle, and the inadequate compensation received by him for such services, your Committee recommend that the sum of $200 from the funds of this General Grand Chapter be appropriated to reimburse him for his expenses in attending the present session of this General Grand Chapter.

We also recommend that the sum of $200 be appropriated to defray the expenses incurred by the M. W. Grand Matron, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, in attending this session of the General Grand Chapter.

We recommend that the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary be increased from $150 to $300 per annum.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

I. J. ROLFE,
MRS. B. R. ROSE,
MRS. LUCINDA SMITH.

On motion of Sister Emily Rolfe, the report was considered by sections.

The first section of the report was adopted.

The second section, in regard to fees, was referred to the committee.

The third section, in regard to dues from Subordinate Chapters, on motion of Sister Emily Rolfe, was amended by striking out the word "fifty" and inserting the words "twenty-five." The section as amended was then adopted.

The fourth section, in regard to per capita tax, was adopted.

The fifth section, in regard to the appropriation to re-imburse Rev. W. D. Engle for expenses, was unanimously adopted.

The sixth section, in regard to the appropriation to re-imburse Lorraine J. Pitkin for expenses, was unanimously adopted.

The seventh section, in regard to the salary of the R. W. Grand Secretary, was unanimously adopted.

The report was then adopted as a whole, except that portion which had been re-committed.

Bro. I. J. Rolfe then submitted the following:

Your committee on Finance fully concur in the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Matron in regard to fixing the fees for the degrees of the Order at five dollars, in Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

Which was adopted.

Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin tendered her resignation as R. W. Grand Secretary, which was accepted.

The election of R. W. Grand Secretary was then proceeded with, which resulted in the election of Rev. Bro. Willis D. Engle.

Bro. Engle tendered his resignation as V. W. Grand Chaplain, which was accepted.

Bro. Engle was then installed as R. W. Grand Secretary by the M. W. Grand Patron.

Bro. Jerome Spaulding submitted the following, which was adopted:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the matter of amending the Constitution so as to provide for a Committee on Constitution, respectfully report in favor of the appointment of such Committee.

Bros. Jerome Spaulding, B. R. Rose and Sister Nettie Ransford were appointed such committee.

Bro. R. C. Gaskill submitted the following, which he moved to refer to the Committee on Constitution:

Amend Section 2, Article II, by inserting after the word "proxies," the following: "*Provided*, That such proxies shall only be holden by some member in good standing of the Grand Chapter of the same State as the person appointing."

Amend Section 4, Article III, by adding, "Subject only to the requirements of this Constitution."

Amend Section 1, Article XVI, by adding, as No. 7, "Committees on Constitution and By-Laws."

Amend Subdivision 4 of the same Article, by striking out the word "jurisprudence," and insert the words "Constitution and By-Laws;" also, strike out all of said subdivision after the word "chapter," where it first occurs.

Amend the same section by inserting as subdivision 5, on Constitution and By-Laws: 5. "It shall be the duty of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws to examine and report on all questions of law and usage, and all decisions on constitutional questions."

Amend same section by numbering the following subdivision to correspond with the previous amendment.

Amend subdivision 10 of the Rules of order by striking out the words "to reconsider," "to refer to committee."

Bro. I. J. Rolfe moved to amend by adding "that the Committee report to the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter," which was not adopted.

The motion of Bro. Gaskill was then adopted.

On motion of Bro. Jerome Spaulding, it was

Resolved, That a Committee on Ritual be appointed, to whom all

proposed amendments to the Ritual shall be referred, and whose duty it shall be to report upon the same to the General Grand Chapter at the next meeting thereof.

Bro. Jerome Spaulding, Sisters Lucinda Smith, and Lorraine J. Pitkin were appointed as such Committee.

Bro. Jerome Spaulding submitted the following, which was adopted.

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your Committee, to whom was referred the matter of amending the Constitution so as to define what constitutes a legally appointed proxy, respectfully report the following to be designated as Sections IV and V, Article 2.

SECTION IV. A legally appointed proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing in some legally constituted Chapter, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter whose officer or officers they represent, and must be a member of such Grand Chapter.

SECTION V. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Patron; Grand Matron; Associate Grand Patron, and Associate Grand Matron.

Sister S. Jennie Mann submitted the following, which was adopted:

TO THE MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, OFFICERS AND MEMBERS
OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

Your committee to whom was referred the invitation of the Triennial Committee (for the services of the Knights Templar, at the Mechanics' Pavilion, on August 19,) beg leave to recommend that the thanks of this Grand Body be extended to said committee for their kindness, and that a vote of thanks be forwarded for their Knightly courtesy.

Respectfully,

S. JENNIE MANN,
I. J. ROLFE,
M. E. ENGLE.

On motion of Bro. Jerome Spaulding it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this Body be tendered to the retiring M. W. Grand Matron, for the able, impartial and conscientious manner in which she has presided during the session.

On motion of Rev. Bro. Willis D. Engle it was

Resolved, That the thanks of the members of this Body be ten-

dered to the members of the Order in California, for the warm and fraternal manner in which they have welcomed them to the Pacific Slope, and for the numerous other courtesies that have been received by them.

Bro. R. C. Gaskill moved that the decision of the M. W. Grand Patron, that step-daughters are eligible to the degrees be not approved, which was adopted.

Bro. R. C. Gaskill offered the following, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That the decision of the M. W. Grand Patron that half-sisters are eligible to the degree be not approved.

No further business appearing, the General Grand Chapter, on motion, adjourned.

JENNIE E. MATHEWS,
M. W. Grand Matron.

ROLLIN C. GASKILL,
M. W. Grand Patron.

ATTEST: *Willis D. Engle,*
R. W. Grand Secretary.

CHAPTERS

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1 ..... Prescott

COLORADO.

Trinidad Chapter No. 1 ..... Trinidad
Colorado Chapter No. 2 ..... Leadville

DAKOTA.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1 ..... Mitchell
Black Hills Chapter No. 2 ..... Rapid City
Evergreen Chapter No. 3 ..... Madison

FLORIDA.

Evergreen Chapter No. 2 ..... Tampa
Magnolia Chapter No. 3 ..... Palatka

INDIAN TERRITORY.

O-ho-yo-hom-ma Chapter No. 1 ..... A-tok-a
An-tak-hom-ma Chapter No. 2 ..... McAlester
Puc-caun-la Chapter No. 3 ..... Colbert

IDAHO.

Mount Idaho Chapter No. 1 ..... Mount Idaho

KENTUCKY.

Queen Esther Chapter No 1 ..... Louisville

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter No. 1 ..... Baltimore

MONTANA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1 ..... Helena
Ruth Chapter No. 2 ..... Butte City

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter No. 2 ..... Austin

NORTH CAROLINA.

Hope Chapter No. 1 ..... Boone

OREGON

Alpha Chapter No. 1 ..... Ashland
Eugene City Chapter No. 2 ..... Eugene City
Adarel Chapter No. 3 ..... Jacksonville
Cottage Grove Chapter No. 4 ..... Cottage Grove
Oriental Chapter No. 5 ..... Lakeview
Beulah Chapter No. 6 ..... Coquelle City

TENNESSEE.

Esther Chapter No. 1 ..... Gladdice
East Fork Chapter No. 2 ..... Gallaher's Mills
Fayetteville Chapter No. 3 ..... Fayetteville

TEXAS.

Friendship Chapter No. 1 ..... Dallas
Chico Chapter No. 2 ..... Chico
Cecelia Chapter No. 3 ..... Clarksville
Samuel Long Chapter No. 4 ..... Paris
Esther Chapter No. 5 ..... San Antonio
Queen City Chapter No. 6 ..... Queen City
Hadassah Chapter No. 7 ..... Georgetown

WASHINGTON.

Evergreen Chapter No. 1 ..... Goldendale
Rainbow Chapter No. 2 ..... Dayton

WYOMING.

Alpha Chapter No. 1 ..... Laramie

RECAPITULATION.

States and Territories 16
Number of Chapters 37
Membership 1,374

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

Grand Chapters.	Organized.	Active Chapters.	Active Members.
Arkansas	Oct. 2, 1876	23	555
California	May 8, 1873	55	3,420
Connecticut	Aug. 11, 1874	20	1,750
Illinois	Nov. 6, 1875	36	1,961
Indiana	May 6, 1874	34	1,584
Iowa	July 30, 1878	25	855
Kansas	Oct. 18, 1876	14	786
Massachusetts	Dec. 11, 1876	11	830
Michigan	Oct. 31, 1867	19	1,012
Minnesota	June 27, 1878	6	329
Mississippi	Dec. 15, 1870	17	729
Missouri	Oct. 13, 1875	18	968
Nebraska	June 22, 1875	9	385
New Jersey	July 18, 1870	8	354
New York	Nov. 3, 1870	25	1,170
Ontario	May 3, 1882	5	200
Vermont	June 3, 1874	8	334
General Grand Chapter	Nov. 16, 1876	37	1,374
Total		370	18,596

IN MEMORIAM

THOMAS MELVIN LAMB

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

AND

PAST GRAND PATRON

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS.

DIED AT WORCESTER, MASSACHUSETTS, DECEMBER 29, 1881, AGED 51 YEARS.

A man whom to know was to honor. Of unostentatious manner, but of clear brain and discriminating judgment, and one who strove to live up to the Golden Rule, "Do ye unto others as ye would that they should do to you."

GRAND CHAPTERS.

ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Rockford, Ia.
Most Worthy Grand Patron, Rollin C. Gaskill, Oakland, California.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Rev. Willis D. Engle, Indianapolis, Ind.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron, Miss Leila B. McBride, Jacksonville.
Grand Patron, G. A. Dannelly, Center Hill.
Grand Secretary, W. B. Massey, Mt. Vernon.

CALIFORNIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary A. Flint, San Juan.
Grand Patron, Rev. A. F. Hitchcock, Suisun.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Kate J. Willats, San Francisco.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mariam R. Drake, Winsted.
Grand Patron, John N. Ensign, Waterbury.
Grand Secretary, Miss Kate L. Tuttle, North Haven.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Jane F. Cozine, Rockford.
Grand Patron, A. B. Ashley, Kewanee.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary A. Beale, Chicago.

INDIANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis.
Grand Patron, Albert H. Kaiser, Brookville.
Grand Secretary, William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.

IOWA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Rockford.
Grand Patron, Thomas R. Ercanbrack, Anamosa.
Grand Secretary, E. B. Dyke, Charles City.

KANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Amelia C. Peters, Newton.
Grand Patron, D. C. Young, Ottawa.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Myra Mottram, Ottawa.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. O. C. Davis, Worcester.
Grand Patron, Wm. A. Farnsworth, Worcester.
Grand Secretary, Daniel Seagrave, Worcester.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. D. A. Merrill, Coldwater.
Grand Patron, Travers Phillips, Hastings.
Grand Secretary, Dan. W. Sawyer, Quincy.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. A. A. Palmer, Zumbrota.
Grand Patron, Leonard Lewis, Farmington.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. M. Louise Lewis, Farmington.

MISSISSIPPI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Annie T. Clark, Kosciusko.
Grand Patron, John L. Powers, Jackson.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sallie J. Lewis, Kosciusko.

MISSOURI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah M. Snyder, Cameron.
Grand Patron, Wm. McCully, St. Louis.
Grand Secretary, John R. Parson, St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah M. Clark, Lincoln.
Grand Patron, Marshall Smith, Columbus.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sara C. Baker, Omaha.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Lucinda Smith, Newark.
Grand Patron, W. C. Brown, Jersey City.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary J. Bunnell, Newark.

NEW YORK.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Martha J. Brett, Albany.
Grand Patron, Benjamin F. Ferris, New York.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Christiana Buttrick, New York.

ONTARIO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. A. Robertson, Stratford.
Grand Patron, Alexander Gardner, Toronto.
Grand Secretary, W. J. R. Haywood, Toronto.

VERMONT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. S. S. Bass, West Randolph.
Grand Patron, E. J. McWaine, West Randolph.
Grand Secretary, H. L. Stilson, Bennington.

CONSTITUTION AMENDED IN 1883.

ARTICLE II amended by the addition of the following:

SECTION 4. A legally appointed proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing, in some legally constituted Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers they represent, and must be a member of such Grand Chapter.

SECTION 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter, are the Grand Patron, Grand Matron, Associate Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XVII was stricken out.

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WM. M. BLACK, Indianapolis, Indiana, W. Grand Sentinel.

JOSEPH W. HILL, (P. G. P.) Charlestown, Massachusetts, W. Grand Marshal.

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St. Louis, Mo., September 23, 1886.

The General Grand Chapter assembled in fifth stated meeting in Occidental Masonic Hall, and was called to order at 3 o'clock P. M., by Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, M. W. Grand Matron, the following named persons being present:

Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, M. W. Grand Matron.
Rollin C. Gaskill, M. W. Grand Patron.
Nettie Ransford, as R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
J. S. Conover, as R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
Rev. Willis D. Engle, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Myra Mottram, as R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Robert Morris, as V. W. Grand Chaplain,
Mrs. Annie E. Douglas, W. Grand Conductress.
Mrs. M. M. Parson, as W. Grand Associate Conductress.
Miss Leila B. McBride, W. Grand Adah.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, as W. Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, as W. Grand Esther.
Mrs. Helen A. Valentine, as W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Amelia C. Peters, W. Grand Electa.
Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, as W. Grand Warder.
Samuel L. C. Rhodes, as W. Grand Sentinel.
Albert H. Kaiser, W. Grand Marshal.

And a large number of members and visitors, including Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons Elizabeth Butler and Lorraine J. Pitkin, who were seated in the East.

The General Grand Chapter was then opened in ample form.

On motion of Brother J. S. Conover, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

The M. W. Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following standing committees:

On Credentials.—T. R. Ercanbrack, Wm. McCully, Myra Mottram, Jennie A. Walker, Carrie A. Kingsley.

On Finance, Ways and Means.—J. S. Conover, E. W. Roberts, Mary C. Snedden, Elizabeth Davis, Leila B. McBride.

On Unfinished Business.—Martin H. Rice, R. Emily Little, Abbie E. Wood.

On Jurisprudence.—Benjamin F. Lynds, Sabert M. Casey, Elizabeth Butler, Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Lorraine J. Pitkin.

On Appeals and Grievances.—Samuel L. C. Rhodes, A. B. Ashley, Carrie Fanning, Nettie Ransford.

On Charters and Dispensations.—J. Ira Brown, F. E. Winning, M. M. Parson, Mary C. Snedden.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then read the following:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S.:

It seems but yesterday in the great cycle of recorded time, since I joined with my Sisters and Brothers of our sunset land of California, in extending to the officers and members of this General Grand Chapter, and all other members of our Order, a cordial and hearty welcome to our Western shores; and to our success in making that session a pleasant and fraternal reunion do I attribute your partiality in conferring upon me the highest honor within your gift as well as a recognition of the wonderful and prosperous growth of our Order in California, which being but a child in years in the great sisterhood of States, stands first and without a peer in membership and general prosperity in this Order. It may not be without good results that I say a few words as to the causes that I think have contributed largely to our growth and prosperity. We are a cosmopolitan people, coming from every State in the Union and from every nation beneath the sun, and coming together with such diver-

gent thoughts, prejudices and educations, it became necessary that prejudice should be overcome, class distinction broken down, and we should be tolerant and liberal toward each other. By the pursuance of such a course of action we have planted a new civilization, founded upon a basis of encouraging all associations that shall tend to elevate the thought and enlarge the field for usefulness of all intelligent and well meaning men and women, which accomplishment has contributed to the growth and prosperity of our Order. The Masons throughout our State, recognizing their duty to women, and that society received from her influence its purer and better inspirations, are earnestly and zealously aiding in the success and extension of our Order, not only by becoming members but by extending to our chapters equal terms with themselves in the use of their lodge rooms for our meetings; and the courteous and magnanimous Order of Knights Templar (whose splendid Triennial Convocation is now in session in this city), inspired by its chivalric creed as the defenders of women, extends through its members a courteous and valiant support to our Order, and, through its committee, extended to the Sisters of our Order in California the same facilities in rates and transportation that they themselves enjoyed; and thus every branch of Free Masonry in our State, through its members, cheerfully recognizes the fact that the wives, daughters, sisters, mothers and widows of Master Masons are entitled to, and should be encouraged in becoming members of an Order that binds them in closer and more enduring union to that ancient and honorable fraternity whose matchless creed and world-wide existence has made it the master-piece of all human organizations, proclaiming peace on earth and good will to man; and when all its members everywhere shall recognize the necessity of, and benefit to be derived from, this kindred organization, giving scope and direction to woman's efforts to co-operate with the great Brotherhood in deeds of charity and pure beneficence, then, indeed, will the crowning glory of its creed be practiced and exemplified and the hope and desire of all true and faithful believers be consummated. When charity to all and malice toward none shall be the rule and guide of all, and any Sister of this Order may feel assured that wherever she may be, warm hearts and willing hands are ready to comfort, welcome and protect her. To the consummation and furtherance of that beneficent result, let us all strive in this General Grand Chapter, and when its labors and pleasures are ended may we return to our homes with renewed energy and zeal to promote the success and advancement of our beautiful Order. During the three years that I have had the honor to be your Chief Executive Officer, much has occurred that has been exceedingly

pleasant to me and I may hope of advantage to the Order. My administration has not, however, been entirely free from unfortunate and much to be regretted experiences, and while we all join in the desire that we may be free from dissension and strife, yet, it is too much to hope that any human organization numbering its membership by thousands, can always be so managed as to avoid unpleasant friction somewhere, and therefore the necessity and advantage of these national meetings, where we may exchange views and experiences, and learn lessons of wisdom from past experience for future guidance, that like the skillful mariner having discovered the dangerous rocks and shoals, we may learn how to avoid them in the future. To an honest, earnest and faithful effort in that direction, I invoke your zealous and unselfish co-operation.

DEPUTIES APPOINTED.

Since the meeting of the General Grand Chapter I have appointed the following deputies, with general powers, viz.:

October 9, 1883—S. C. Chorlton, M. D., for the State of Ohio; J. M. Thomas, for the State of Maryland and the District of Columbia.

October 23, 1883—Lorraine J. Pitkin, for States and Territories under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter; Jennie E. Mathews, for States and Territories under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

November 10, 1883—J. E. Edmiston, for Washington Territory.

November 21, 1883—M. H. Murphy, to organize chapters in the Territory of New Mexico.

June 21, 1884—Mrs. E. H. Landrum, to take up charter of Evergreen Chapter No. 1, Washington Territory.

September 29, 1885—Nicholas Fretz, to organize chapters in Montana Territory.

November 23, 1885—D. H. Shaw, to organize chapters in the eastern part of the Territory of Washington, and the northern part of Territory of Idaho.

December 11, 1885—Solomon I. Wing, for the State of Minnesota.

May 27, 1886—Rev. J. S. Murrow, for the Indian Territory.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

1. November 13, 1883, Lorraine Chapter No. 1, Columbus, Franklin county, Ohio. Mrs. Mary J. Stephens, Matron; S. C. Chorlton,

M. D., Patron; Mrs. Meta J. Stephens, Associate Matron. Organized December 6, 1883, by S. C. Chorlton, Deputy for Ohio.

2. November 19, 1883, Chehalis Chapter No. 8, Chehalis, Lewis county, Washington Territory. Mrs. Alide Berry, Matron; J. S. Herndon, Patron; Mrs. Agnes Herndon, Associate Matron. Organized by J. E. Edmiston, Deputy for Washington Territory. The hall in which the Chapter met having been destroyed by fire, together with charter, the Chapter was dormant for some time, but on December 16, 1885, a duplicate charter was issued and H. R. Garner appointed Special Deputy to reorganize the Chapter and install its officers.

3. January 28, 1884, Fort Worth Chapter No. 8, Fort Worth, Torrant county, Texas. Mrs. Virginia Tucker, Matron; W. L. Holt, Patron; Mrs. Amelia Schwartz, Associate Matron. Organized February, 23, 1884, by Wm. L. Holt, Special Deputy.

4. January 28, 1884, Mt. Moriah Chapter No. 9, Kildare, Cass county, Texas. Miss Mary F. Willis, Matron; A. T. Anderson, Patron; Mrs. Abbie Rand, Associate Matron. Organized March 6, 1884, by Rev. Perry Hawkins, Special Deputy.

5. March 4, 1884, Jonesboro Chapter No. 10, Jonesboro, Corryell county, Texas. Mrs. Andora Smith, Matron; J. F. Loveless, Patron; Mrs. Martha Cook, Associate Matron. Organized March 22, 1884, by H. B. Cook, Special Deputy.

6. March 15, 1884, Vesta Chapter No. 4, Watertown, Codington county, Dakota. Mrs. Mary H. Monks, Matron; David C. Thomas, Patron; Mrs. Nettie M. Edes, Associate Matron. Organized by David C. Thomas, Special Deputy.

7. April 1, 1884, Rob. Morris Chapter No. 1, New Orleans, Parish of Orleans, Louisiana. Mrs. Anna Pripher, Matron; Alfred Shaw, Patron; Mrs. Lizzie Coulter, Associate Matron. Organized April 17, 1884, by Alfred Shaw, Special Deputy.

8. April 19, 1884, Eminence Chapter No. 3, Salida, Chaffee county, Colorado. Miss Rosa A. Slaughter, Matron; Sylvanus O. Harvey, Patron; Mrs. Vianette C. Lawrence, Associate Matron. Organized May 21, 1884, by James M. Bradbury, Special Deputy.

9. April 29, 1884, Cedar Bayou Chapter No. 11, Cedar Bayou, Harris county, Texas. Mrs. Rebecca Tompkins, Matron; J. W. Ellender Patron; Mrs. Annie Mathews, Associate Matron. Organized by J. W. Ellender, Special Deputy.

10. May 19, 1884, Liberty Hill Chapter No. 12, Liberty Hill, Williamson county, Texas. Mrs. M. C. Spencer, Matron; D. V. Grand,

Patron; Mrs. S. A. Stubblefield, Associate Matron. Organized by T. N. Bryson, Special Deputy.

11. May 22, 1884, New Hope Chapter No. 13, Gibtown, Jackson county, Texas. Mrs. I. J. Heasley, Matron; J. E. Welch, Patron; Mrs. Margaret L. Guthrey, Associate Matron. Organized by J. S. Welch, Special Deputy.

12. August 26, 1884, Beulah Chapter No. 5, Flandreau, Moody county, Dakota. Mrs. W. A. Clark, Matron; George A. Pettigrew, Patron; Mrs. M. M. Jones, Associate Matron. Organized September 24, 1884, by C. D. Pratt, Special Deputy.

13. March 16, 1885, Howard Chapter No. 6, Howard, Miner county, Dakota. Mrs. Mary Chase White, Matron; Wm. F. Wood, Patron; Mrs. Margaret A. Debolt, Associate Matron. Organized April 9, 1885, by Francis M. Lighthizer, Special Deputy.

14. July 27, 1885, Independence Chapter No. 7, Independence, Polk county, Oregon. Organized by Rev. Robert W. Hill, Special Deputy.

15. November 3, 1885, White Mountain Chapter No. 2, Globe, Gila county, Arizona. Mrs. Belle Cook, Matron; Alonzo Bailey, Patron; Mrs. Olive Eaton, Associate Matron. Organized by Alonzo Bailey, Special Deputy.

16. December 10, 1885, Roseburg Chapter No. 8, Roseburg, Douglas county, Oregon. Mrs. Julia Abraham, Matron; Rev. J. R. N. Bell, Patron; Mrs. J. F. Beath, Associate Matron. Organized January 27, 1886, by T. G. Reamer, Special Deputy.

17. December 12, 1885, Lorraine Chapter No. 16, Minneapolis, Hennepin county, Minnesota. Mrs. Rozeneth Mayham, Matron; George C. Wright, Patron; Mrs. Altina Mortimer, Associate Matron. Dispensation issued by "Leonard Lewis, Deputy Worthy Grand Patron," dated March 26, 1885, surrendered. Organized by Solomon I. Wing, Deputy for Minnesota.

18. February 1, 1886, Esther Chapter No. 3, Carson, Ormsby county, Nevada. Mrs. Martha J. Murphy, Matron; Horatio S. Mason, Patron; Mrs. M. E. Noteware, Associate Matron. Organized April 1, 1886, by M. A. Murphy, Special Deputy.

19. February 1, 1886, Adah Chapter No. 4, Aspen, Pitkin county, Colorado. Mrs. Julia A. Bright, Matron; J. W. Campbell, Patron; Mrs. Sarah M. Gillespie, Associate Matron. Organized February 15, 1886, by W. H. Bright, Special Deputy.

20. February 22, 1886, Garden City Chapter No. 5, Greeley, Weld county, Colorado. Mrs. F. L. Childs, Matron; F. L. Childs, Patron; Mrs. C. H. Wheeler, Associate Matron. Organized March 1, 1886, by W. B. Mason, Special Deputy.

21. February 22, 1886, Savanna Chapter No. 4, Savanna, Tobucksy county, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory. Mrs. Agnes Cameron, Matron; Emmett A. Berry, Patron; Mrs. Isabella O. Emery, Associate Matron. Organized March 11, 1886, by Rev. J. S. Murrow, Special Deputy.

22. March 18, 1886, Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City, Lemhi county, Idaho. Mrs. Mary Kirtley, Matron; Robert McNicoll, Patron; Mrs. A. B. McCaleb, Associate Matron. Organized by Rev. Hugh Duncan, Special Deputy.

23. March 12, 1886, Fidelity Chapter No. 17, Litchfield, Meeker county, Minnesota. Mrs. Narsissa Hurd, Matron; Chas. A. Strobeck, Patron; Mrs. A. M. Strobeck, Associate Matron. Organized March 2, 1886, by S. I. Wing, Deputy for Minnesota.

24. March 18, 1886, North Star Chapter No. 7, Anoka, Anoka county, Minnesota. Mrs. H. M. Featherstone, Matron; George E. Cotton, Patron; Miss S. M. Hunter, Associate Matron. Charter of "Supreme Grand Chapter" destroyed by fire. Organized March 13, 1886, by S. I. Wing, Deputy for Minnesota.

25. March 31, 1886, Washington Chapter No. 4, Colfax, Whitman county, Washington Territory, Mrs. Estella Benton, Matron; D. H. Shaw, Patron; Mrs. Mary C. Boswell, Associate Matron. Organized by D. H. Shaw, Duputy for Washington and Idaho.

26. March 31, 1886, Adah Chapter No. 4, Reno, Washoe county, Nevada. Mrs. P. Stanton Marshall, Matron; W. Webster, Patron; Mrs. Louise Martin, Associate Matron. Organized April 7, 1886, by M. A. Murphy, Special Deputy.

27. April 22, 1886, Constellation Chapter No. 18, St. Paul, Ramsey county, Minnesota. Mrs. A. M. Flournoy, Matron; J. Hodges, Patron; Mrs. S. M. Hodges, Associate Matron. Organized April 17, 1886, by S. I. Wing, Deputy for Minnesota.

28. May 1, 1886, Silver Spray Chapter No. 5, Cheney, Spokane county, Washington. Mrs. Mary E. Rankin, Matron; Robert Rankin, Patron; Mrs M. J. Hooker, Associate Matron. Organized June 12, 1886, by D. H. Shaw, Deputy for Washington and Idaho.

29. May 3, 1886, Natchez Chapter No. 1, Natchez, Adams county, Mississippi. Mrs. Agnes Izod, Matron; W. H. Stewart, Patron; Mrs.

P. H. Chamberlain, Associate Matron. Organized by J. L. Power, Special Deputy.

30. May 18, 1886, St. Mary's Chapter No. 9, Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon. Mrs. R. J. Wilson, Matron; M. S. Woodcock, Patron; Mrs. Addie Baldwin, Associate Matron. Organized by W. P. Conaway, Special Deputy.

CHARTER ARRESTED.

In consequence of the neglect of the members of Evergreen Chapter No. 1, Goldendale, Washington Territory, to hold meetings or take any interest in the Order, on March 15, 1884, I caused its charter to be arrested.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND CHAPTERS WITHDRAWN.

On the 23d day of April, 1885, I issued the following edict withdrawing recognition from the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, for reasons therein stated:

To All Whom it May Concern:

WHEREAS, The Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Mississippi, has held no meeting since the year 1877; and

WHEREAS, The Grand Patron, J. L. Power, (being the executive head of said Grand Chapter), on June 11, 1881, did, so far as he had power to do, transfer the Order in that State to the care and control of the General Grand Chapter; and

WHEREAS, The various efforts that have since been made to revive the said Grand Chapter have proved ineffectual; and

WHEREAS, It seems to be the desire of those in that State who have an interest in the success of the Order, that proper action should be taken with a view of securing renewed interest and future prosperity in that jurisdiction;

Therefore, With a hope and desire of producing such result, I, R. C. Gaskill, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, do hereby declare that the Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star of the State of Mississippi no longer exists, and that the General Grand Chapter has, and does assume full and complete jurisdiction over all matters and persons relating to the Order in that State, and I do hereby invite the co-operation of all persons in that State who are members of the Order, or those who may desire to become such, in the formation of new Chapters, and the revival of old ones, thereby making it possible for the speedy establishment of a new Grand Chapter that shall place the Order in a position of honor and influence in that State.

Witness my hand and the Seal of the General Grand Chapter this twenty-third day of April, 1885.

R. C. GASKILL,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST:

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Also, on the 11th day of August, 1885, the following edict was issued, withdrawing recognition from the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, for reasons therein contained:

TO ALL GRAND AND SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS OF THE ORDER OF THR EASTERN STAR—GREETING:

WHEREAS, At a convention of Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in the State of Minnesota, held in the city of Minneapolis, June 27, 1878, the Grand Chapter of that State was organized, and by resolution, acknowledged its allegiance to the General Grand Chapter; since which time it has been accepted and acted as a part of that Grand body; and

WHEREAS, The honor, welfare and good name of any general organization depends upon the conduct and management of its several subordinates; and

WHEREAS, The Grand officers and the Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota have, in my judgment, so abused the trust reposed in them, and have so flagrantly disregarded the plain provisions of the Constitution and laws of the Order, and have committed acts of injustice and oppression toward its members in that State of such a character as to bring reproach and scandal upon the entire organization, and to seriously imperil its existence in that State; now

Therefore, As the official head of the organization, commissioned to preserve and maintain its honor and good name, and believing that decisive action is demanded from me in this case, the following statement of the facts on which my action is founded is respectfully submitted to the considerate judgment of all members of the Order:

1. At the stated meeting of the Grand Chapter of that State in October, 1883, the Grand Patron, in his address, referred to the peculiar exemplification of the work of the Order in Minneapolis Chapter No. 9, of that State. That portion of his report was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which committee so radically dissented from the opinion of that officer that it recommended that that portion of his address be not entered upon the Grand Chapter records; and also reported that the work of Minneapolis Chapter was not an infraction of the Ritual of the Order, which report and recommendation were concurred in by the Grand Chapter, and this action has never been reversed by that Grand Body.

2. At the annual meeting of the Grand Chapter, held October, 1884, the Grand Matron, in her address, also referred to the work of Minneapolis Chapter as being an innovation on the Ritual, which part of the address was referred to a special committee, which committee made a report, and pending a motion to receive and adopt

said report, a motion was made to adjourn the Grand Chapter *sine die;* and in spite of the protests of several members, and in violation of the Rules of Order No. 5 made for her guidance, which could not be suspended except by unanimous consent, the Grand Matron entertained said motion, and, upon vote, declared it carried and adjourned the Grand Chapter. Which action has resulted in a serious injury to the Order in that State.

3. On March 30, 1885, the Grand Matron, Mrs. H. A. Valentine, issued a document addressed "To the Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, officers and members of Minneapolis Chapter No. 9," declaring: "You are hereby forthwith suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order until the next annual meeting of the Grand Chapter." No cause was assigned for issuing this document, which reflected on the good name and character of all the members of one of the largest chapters in that State; neither is there found any authority either in the Constitution or laws of the Order in that State for such action on the part of the Worthy Grand Matron, and for that reason it has been totally disregarded by the members of said chapter, and the result has been that such unwarranted action on the part of that officer has seriously impaired the dignity and respect of members for that important office.

4. On April 7, 1885, the Grand Matron issued a notice to the Order that by the suspension of Minneapolis Chapter, Mrs. L. A. Pratt, the Grand Secretary of the Order, was relieved of the duties of that office; and that she had appointed Sister M. L. Lewis to fill the vacancy. For such action on the part of the Grand Matron there is no shadow of authority, for which reason the order was and is disregarded by Sister L. A. Pratt.

5. At the meeting of the Grand Chapter in October, 1883, Charles J. Stauff was elected and installed Grand Patron, and no legal election has since been holden for that office. Under the Constitution the Grand Patron *is alone* authorized to grant dispensations for the formation of new Chapters. On February 4, 1885, Leonard Lewis, claiming to act as deputy of the Grand Patron, granted a dispensation for and organized a Chapter at the town of Tracy, in that State, aided and assisted by the Grand Matron; also, did the same thing and with the same assistance at Mankato; also, did the same in the city of Minneapolis, where two chapters already existed, and without the consent of one of said chapters, which the Constitution specially says must first be had. Brother C. J. Stauff writes: "I have never issued nor signed any dispensation for the formation of new chapters in Minnesota, and have never authorized Leonard Lewis to sign my name to such documents." The Constitution of Minnesota forbids all communications with chapters not legally organized, or the members thereof; thus have innocent parties been placed in a humiliating position through the advice and action of these Grand officers. The said Lewis, assisted by the Grand Matron, conferred the degrees at sight upon various parties for the formation of Lorraine Chapter, in the city of Minneapolis, when the Constitution forbids it in towns or cities where there is one or more chapters.

6. On April 13, 1885, Mrs. H. A. Valentine, Grand Matron, issued notices for a special meeting of the Grand Chapter, to be held May

18th, and notified all the Chapters in the jurisdiction except Minneapolis No. 9, several of whose members were Grand officers or permanent members of that Grand body. At such special session the Grand Matron and Leonard Lewis in the character of deputy of the Grand Patron, made reports of all their offic al acts to that date, and this against the provision of the Constitution which provides that such reports shall be made at the annual meeting only, and the Grand Chapter by vote endorsed them all, thereby assuming the responsibility of the acts heretofore enumerated; and also the further fact that neither the officers nor members of Minneapolis Chapter were permitted to be present, or in any manner defend themselves. At the same special session an entirely new corps of Grand officers was elected, which action was in violation of the Constitution, which provides for the election of Grand officers at the annual meeting *only*. Visitors were also allowed from those chapters organized in violation of the Constitution, intercourse with whom is forbidden by that instrument.

The facts and occurrences that have transpired in that State above recited, produce a condition of things there that seems to me to demand decisive action on my part, that the honor and good name of this Order may be preserved, and the Constitutional rights of its members protected; especially in view of the fact that I, as the official head of the Order have counselled and advised against these things, and have remonstrated with those in authority in the name of justice and fraternal love to abstain from these acts, but my counsel and advice has been disregarded, and my remonstrances completely ignored; now

Therefore, I, R. C. Gaskill, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S., with a profound sense of the responsibility assumed, do, by virtue of the authority in me vested by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S., hereby declare and pronounce the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of the State of Minnesota no longer a legally qualified body to administer the affairs of the Order in that jurisdiction, and that its existence as a part of the General Grand Chapter is hereby terminated; and I do, on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, assume jurisdiction over all lawful chapters and members of the Order in that State; and it is hereby ordered that all such chapters shall report to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, and in all things conform to and obey the Constitution and laws of that Grand body.

Witness my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, this eleventh day of August, 1885.

ROLLIN C. GASKILL,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST:

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTERS RECOGNIZED.

A constitutional number of chapters in the State of Texas, having organized a Grand Chapter, and adopted a Constitution regular and

proper in its provisions and elected Grand Officers, it was duly recognized by me July 20, 1884, as the Grand Chapter O. E. S. of Texas, forming a part of this General Grand Chapter.

A constitutional number of chapters met in the State of Minnesota under the supervision of Brother S. I. Wing, Special Deputy for the State, and organized a Grand Chapter, adopted a Constitution and elected Grand officers. Said Grand Chapter was recognized by me July 28, 1886, as the Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota, forming a part of this General Grand Chapter.

AUTHORIZATIONS MADE AND REQUESTS GRANTED.

Sept. 1, 1883, granted permission to Ivy Chapter O. E. S., of San Francisco, California, to confer the degrees on Robert Brewster and wife, of Houston, Texas.

Nov. 20, 1883, authorized the Chapter of which Brother Wm. M. Black, Worthy Grand Sentinel, is a member, to install him as such officer.

January 21, 1884, granted a dispensation to Alpha Chapter at Laramie, Wyoming, to elect officers out of the usual time provided by their by-laws, for what seemed to me as good reasons therefor.

March, 1[0], 1884, appointed Brother John F. Schrader Special Deputy to install the officers of Black Hills Chapter No. 2, Rapid City, Dakota.

May 12, 1884, granted a dispensation to Poc-caun-la Chapter No. 3, Indian Territory, to elect officers at a time different from that provided in their by-laws, for what seemed to me to be good and sufficient reasons.

October 1, 1885, granted permission to Lydia Chapter O. E. S., of Paris, Illinois, to confer the degrees on R. H. Lee and wife, of St. Albans, West Virginia.

January 13, 1886, authorized the election of officers in Miriam Chapter No. 1, Helena, Montana, at a time other than that provided in their by-laws, for reasons that seemed to be satisfactory.

February 10, 1886, authorized the election of officers in Oriental Chapter No. 5, Lakeview, Oregon, at a time other than that provided in their by-laws, for good reason shown.

February 28, 1886, issued a call for the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, Thursday. Sept. 23, 1886, at the city of St. Louis, Mo., in conformity with the provision of the Constitution.

June 11, 1886, I ratified and confirmed the action of Savanna Chapter No. 4, I. T., in electing the officers at a time different from that provided by the by-laws, for reasons that seemed to me to be satisfactory.

DECISIONS.

In consequence of some misunderstanding and complaint regarding the twenty-five cent tax levied at our last session on each member of subordinate chapters to this General Grand Chapter, I directed that the time for such payment should commence Jan. 1, 1884.

Question. What should be the fee for Charter members in Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter?

Answer. For all who were previously members of the Order the usual affiliation fee; all others, $5.

Ques. Is not the initiation fee $5 in Chapters under the Jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter?

Ans. It is, and no Chapter has a right to confer the degrees for a less sum.

Ques. Is it proper and in accordance with law, to admit Master Masons to our Chapter Meetings who are not members of our Order?

Ans. It is not, and should not be permitted.

Ques. Is the standing of a lady member of a Chapter affected by the expulsion of her husband from the Masonic Order?

Ans. It is not; nothing but her own misconduct can affect her standing.

Ques. Can a person who has lost an arm be received into our Order?

Ans. No.

OBITUARY.

Since the last meeting of this General Grand Chapter, the chair of one of its officers has been made vacant by death, and as a proper tribute to an esteemed and most worthy member I caused the following notice to be issued to the Order:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.

INDIANAPOLIS, JUNE 10, 1885.

Mrs. Lucinda Smith, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, died very suddenly of heart disease at her home in Newark, New Jersey, on the evening of May 13, 1885, at

the age of forty-nine years, and her remains were interred with the honors of the Order in Mount Pleasant Cemetery on May 17.

In the death of Sister Smith the Order must mourn the departure of one of its most earnest and zealous workers. Becoming a member of Radiant Chapter No. 7, Newark, she was elected its Associate Matron in 1880, and its Worthy Matron in 1881 and 1882. In the Grand Chapter of New Jersey she was appointed Grand Ruth in 1880, elected Associate Grand Matron in 1881, and Grand Matron in 1882 and 1883, while she was elevated to the high position she held in the General Grand Chapter, at San Francisco, in 1883. While we revere her memory, let us not forget to emulate the virtues that adorned her life.

ROLLIN C. GASKILL,
M. W. Grand Patron.

JENNIE E. MATHEWS,
M. W. Grand Matron.

ATTEST:

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

At the last session a committee was appointed to take into consideration and report at this session on certain amendments proposed to our Ritual, which report will be placed before you at the proper time, and, I commend it to your careful attention. As the last session of this body was holden at the same time and place as the Triennial Conclave of Knights Templars, and proved to be a great convenience to members of the Order, and was the means of securing to us many courtesies from that Order, and has resulted in a benefit to us, I thought proper to observe the same course in calling this meeting and think a good custom to follow, and recommend that it be followed in the future.

The three years that have passed since our last meeting have marked an era of unusual prosperity to our order, and it is taking its proper place as one of the most prosperous and beneficent institutions of our country, and I look forward with confidence to the time when prosperous and efficient Grand Chapters shall exist in every State and Territory of our country, subordinate to, and in harmony with this General Grand Chapter, and I counsel you so to legislate and conduct the affairs of our Order as to commend it to the confidence and support of all who are eligible to receive its degrees.

To my associate Grand Officers I extend my thanks for their kindness and attention to the well being of the Order, and particularly to our Right Worthy Grand Secretary for his untiring zeal and

intelligent performance of every duty assigned him, and cheerfully commend his faithful work to the friendly consideration of this Grand Body. The future is bright with promise, and the work before us is worthy the earnest and intelligent support of all good men and women, and to its advancement let us pledge our earnest and untiring efforts, so that we may transmit to our successors an institution prosperous and powerful, giving its support and encouragement to these beneficent principles that shall aid in the consummation of that blessed era, of "Peace on earth and good will to men." My labors in the high position that your partiality placed me in three years ago have been arduous and exacting on my time and judgment, but they have been cheerfully performed, cheered by the hope that I might do something in a humble way to advance and build up an Order that shall be enduring and honored among the institutions of our land. That I have been free from errors and wise in all things, it would be beyond erring human nature to hope, but, with charity to all and malice toward none, I have made an earnest effort to so discharge the duties of my high trust, as to meet your charitable commendation, and now, as I am about to pass to other hands the authority you so generously conferred on me three years ago, I can only indulge the hope that whatever of error I have committed, may be forgotten, and whatever of good may be cherished and preserved.

R. C. GASKILL,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

On motion of Brother J. S. Conover, the address of the M. W. Grand Patron was referred to a committee of three for distribution, the M. W. Grand Matron naming as such committee Brother J. S. Conover, and Sisters Elizabeth Butler and Lorraine J. Pitkin.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then read the following:

OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

A cordial greeting to you all on this the fifth session of this body Three years have rolled swiftly away since we last met. Three years have passed with its lights and shadows, its joys and sorrows, its pleasures and perplexities. Time is merciless in its onward march, heeding not the sunshine or storms. Each heart has been more or less affected by the changes. Those who have best borne these trials and resisted the temptations will be known among the thousand fairest, altogether lovely.

The Heavenly Father marketh the fall of the sparrow and rewards the earnest and faithful Success and failure have, no doubt, been accorded each of us.

While the past with all its memories is beyond recall, the future is full of bright anticipations not yet within our reach; then let us all bear in mind that the present is the only allotted time for work, shaping our lives, governing our thoughts and guiding our actions for future usefulness.

As we glance back over the record of the past three years, it is with misgivings and deep regret, that we could not have done more work for this beautiful and noble Order.

When I was elected to this high office, it was my earnest desire to be useful to the Order, yet I had been fully reminded that my office was not one that marked out a work of usefulness through or during the recess of the General Grand Chapter.

In conversation with our Most Worthy Grand Patron, I expressed myself in this direction. Having always been an earnest worker, I felt I could not remain idle for three years when there was need of so many reapers. The fields were broad and whitening for the harvest.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron informed me there was plenty of work, and he, being so remote from a larger number of the Grand Chapters, it was his desire that I should take as much of the work as possible this side of the Rockies. That the work of the Order might be advanced, he desired that I should act as his deputy.

I left San Francisco the last of September, to visit friends at Reno and Fort Bidwell, and I hoped to be able to return to the Grand Chapter of California, but in this I was disappointed, for I found the time required to reach these places would not allow of any visit to my sister, whom I had not seen for a number of years and who lived near Fort Bidwell.

While at Reno, I wrote to the M. W. Grand Patron I thought there was sufficient interest and material there to warrant the establishing of a Chapter, and that I would be glad to perform the work if he would send me the proper authority to do so. Patiently I waited, having the matter well under way, but no word came, when I was obliged to return home without doing the work, (which I learn has since been done.)

Soon after my return home I received the documents which should have reached me while in Reno. Inclosed was the authority, dated October 19, 1883, to organize a Chapter at Reno, the M. W. Grand Patron informing me that he had forwarded the deputy appointments of Lorraine J. Pitkin and myself to Brother Engle for

seal and signature and they would soon reach us, and he hoped we would do much good for the Order, which he felt confident we could do, having had the experience.

On November 30, 1883, I received a letter from the M. W. Grand Patron, saying he saw by the proceeding I had been previously appointed deputy, and requesting me to send a copy of the appointment. I forthwith sent him the originals, one dated the 19th day of February, 1876, John D. Vincil, M. W. Grand Patron, attested by Willis D. Engle, R. W. Grand Secretary; the second dated the 27th day of June, with T. M. Lamb, M. W. Grand Patron, attested by Willis D. Engle, R. W. Grand Secretary. (I still have both these appointments.)

November 26, 1883, I received another letter from the M. W. Grand Patron, saying he had received a letter from Willis D. Engle, saying he thought the appointment of Sister Pitkin and myself unconstitutional, also giving his reasons.

Patiently I waited for the appointment, but it came not. February 15, 1884, I received another letter from the M. W. Grand Patron, saying: "Inclosed you will find the deputy appointment without the seal and attest of R. W. Grand Secretary," saying he had twice ordered it sent, but the R. W. Grand Secretary had positively refused to sign and seal them.

March 7th, again the M. W. Grand Patron wrote that he had notified Brother Engle of the appointment being sent without his signature. Soon another letter came, saying, "send your appointment to the R. W. Grand Secretary for the seal and signature, and if not returned in due time, notify me at once." I did as ordered and in five days the appointment came back duly signed and sealed.

During all this time there had been work which I could have accomplished for the good of the Order, but my doubts as to the cause of controversy over the appointment was a mystery to me, at the same time very perplexing. I could see no good reason for such, for the law had been established and I had held two previous appointments, and Sister Emily Rolfe had been appointed Deputy for the State of Maine at the session held in Chicago, or soon after the closing, as she was to visit in Maine some time before her return to California.

If these appointments were then lawful, I could see no reason why the appointments of Lorraine J. Pitkin and myself were unconstitutional.

This controversy served to make me diffident about doing any work as the Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron, preferring to refer all matters to him rather than receive or cause any unjust criticism

in the work of the Order. So I have left much work that I could have done, had not this unpleasantness occurred concerning the appointments. Many letters asking advice and counsel, referring to me questions of importance which are too numerous to give here, and of which many are of no particular weight in this Grand Chapter, as they were matters to be settled by the Grand Chapters to which they belonged.

Applications have come to me from several places for petitions for Chapters and I have each time referred them to the M. W. Grand Patron, but have in each case given all the information concerning the Order that I was able.

I have been invited to address Chapters and Masonic assemblies in several jurisdictions at different times. I have responded to all these calls whenever I could, and to the best of my ability.

Before passing on, I am painfully reminded of the call of death's messenger which has invaded our circle and taken one of the brightest jewels.

May 13, 1885, the fell destroyer, death, took from her earthly home, without a moment's warning, one of our bright and shining lights, Sister Lucinda Smith, R. W. Associate Grand Matron. Quickly was she summoned from the west to that silent shore, where there is no more sorrow, no more pain; death is but another life. Her loss is deeply mourned by all who knew her. In her own jurisdiction, New Jersey, her counsel and advice will be greatly missed. She who served the Order faithfully, lovingly and well, is gone, yet her spirit still lingers with us. In memory of her many noble qualities and virtues—

"Oh why do our tears run down?
Our hearts in sorrow riven?
Another bright star in glory's crown,
Another dear soul's in heaven."

We miss thee, dear sister, yet this life's journey is short; we shall meet again.

August 20th, I received the sad intelligence of the death of Brother W. J. Wickham, Worthy Associate Grand Patron of Texas, who died August 1st, of brain fever, at his home. W. Grand Matron, Sister Tucker, writes: "In the death of this worthy brother, our Order has lost one of its brightest members," that "he was always found willing and ready by words of counsel and encouragement to help the Order that its pure principles should shine with undiminished lustre." Another link is dropped from the golden chain, which can only be forged again in the celestial Chapter above. The

silver cord is loosed, the golden bowl is broken. May we cherish his memory.

VISITATIONS.

My visitations since elected Most Worthy Grand Matron, have been very pleasant, of great profit to me, and I hope of some benefit to Chapters visited.

My first visit was to Oakleaf, No. 8, Oakland, Cal., August 23, in company with Past M. W. Grand Matron, Sister L. J. Pitkin; M. W. Grand Patron, Brother R. C. Gaskill; Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Brother Rose; R. W. Grand Secretary, Brother Engle; W. G. Conductress, Sister Douglas; and a large delegation of members of the Grand Chapter of California. There is no place on record where there was so large a number of the officers of the General Grand Chapter, and it was very appropriate that they should meet in the home Chapter of our M. W. Grand Patron, Brother Rollin C. Gaskill, who aided so largely in the entertaining of the guests. Both officers and members of Oakleaf are royal entertainers, and the evening was well spent.

During my sojourn in California I visited many Chapters which I feel I must give a passing notice at least. On every occasion I was accorded the honor due the M. W. Grand Matron. On all these visitations I was accompanied by the Past M. W. Grand Matron, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, who was my traveling companion for the three months' trip to the coast.

August 27, 1883, attended Golden Gate Chapter of San Francisco; August 28, Ivy—and as I write, this occasion seems to come to me as fresh as but yesterday. The lovely token of flowers presented on this occasion by the Worthy Patron, Brother Spaulding and wife, will never fade from memory until the eye is dimmed and the voice is hushed. Although the flowers have long since faded, their fragrance still remains.

August 31, attended California Chapter, with other members of the General Grand Chapter and many guests from other Chapters.

September 7, Unity of Oakland, and on this occasion there were present the Most Worthy Grand Patron and other members of the General Grand Chapter and other Chapters. We were royally entertained.

By special invitation, we visited the Chapters in San Jose, Vallejo, Napa City and Sacramento, and I could tell much of the pleasure of these visits, but time and space forbid me to enter too deep into detail.

September 13, Oakleaf of Oakland, the home Chapter of the M.

W. Grand Patron, tendered a farewell reception to Sister Pitkin and myself. Guests were present from the different Chapters of the vicinity. The occasion will long be remembered as one of the pleasantest, yet there was a feeling of sadness at parting with the many friends we had met so often and to whom we were tenderly attached. Parting, perhaps never to meet again on earth, yet we shall ever cherish their memory. On this, as well as many former occasions, we were the recipients of flowers, fit tokens of remembrance and loving respect, and how truly the sentiment of the poet is voiced by us:

> "You may break, you may shatter the vase if you will,
> But the sweet scent of the roses will linger there still."

Many other invitations were tendered us to visit other Chapters in California, but for want of time, we were obliged to forego the pleasure. But a remembrance of deep disappointment filled our mind at this time at not being able to spend a few weeks with Sister Emily Rolfe, Past Grand Matron, as we fully intended and so much desired to do. I could not speak of all the courtesies shown me during my stay in California. Time and space will not permit, but those to whom I feel most indebted for their courtesies are Sister Mary A Flint for her entertainment during the session of the General Grand Chapter, and to Sister Frances E. Rider, Past Grand Matron, of Oakland, at whose house I found a home during my sojourn on the coast.

Of the many pleasant visitations, still remembered, was the organization of Lorraine Chapter, of Columbus, Ohio, December 6, 1883, Brother S. C. Chorlton acting as the Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron. There were present Past Most Worthy Grand Matron Lorraine J. Pitkin; Lucinda Smith, R. W. Associate Grand Matron; Tillie Van Winkle, of Radiant Chapter, Newark, N. J. It is seldom, if ever, a new Chapter is organized with the assistance and presence of so many Grand Officers and so thorough instruction. Lorraine Chapter starts out with the brightest of prospects, and we are pleased to hear she is prospering, although surrounded by the enemy. May her light continue to shine until they shall all be vanquished by true conversion into our faith and they are numbered among the faithful in the Order.

I have also visited many Subordinate Chapters in Illinois, Missouri, Minnesota, Iowa and Queen Esther, of Indianapolis, Indiana.

January 17, 1884, I had the pleasure of visiting Rob. Morris Chapter, of New Orleans. Our R. W. Grand Secretary wrote me he was glad to know that I was to visit the Chapter for he thought

they would appreciate a visit, yet he felt confident I would find them well informed. I was disappointed to find the Chapter groping in darkness—as they expressed it themselves. They had never seen a regular initiation until I visited them, and had never filled the five points of the star at any meeting. I gave them full instruction, and, taking the place of Conductress, took two candidates through in regular form. They were much more interested and all felt a deeper interest in the work and were willing to take more active part in the future. I visited them again on the 31st of January and exemplified the work for them on this occasion. There were present, Past Grand Patron Clark, of Iowa; Sister Jones, of Evergreen Chapter, Florida; (who by the way, had never seen the work exemplified,) Sister Morse, of Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago; Brother O. L. Mathews, of Fidelity Chapter, Iowa. I feel that the work done in Rob. Morris Chapter was a great benefit to them and to the interest of the Order, and is only one of the many cases on record, both in and out of Grand Chapter Jurisdiction.

Many invitations have I received to visit Chapters in the Territories of Dakota, Colorado, Wyoming and Washington, also Oregon, urging me to come, feeling it was my duty for they needed instruction, as many claim they were unable to fully understand the work by the Ritual and some of the good brethren did not see the necessity of strict uniformity, and as many did not nor could not understand some parts of the Ritual, which are not particularly defined; I have endeavored in all these cases to try and give them as much knowledge of the work as possible by letter, hoping thereby to create a deeper interest in the work. Many queer and unlawful things have been done by Chapters that have not had the opportunity of knowing and seeing more of the work—not intentionally in some cases.

I had the pleasure of meeting, in Chicago, at the Grand Chapter, the Worthy Matron of a Chapter in Dakota, and it is truly gratifying to meet one who, having never seen anything in the work except in her own Chapter, had given it so much attention and study and who felt such a deep interest in the law and order of the work.

I will give an instance she related to me from her experience which clearly proves the case that women who are earnest and full of interest for the Order are fully as capable of performing official duties as those of the opposite sex. It was as follows:

The Worthy Patron, who was the Deputy appointed and who organized their Chapter come to her one day and wanted her to call a meeting that evening to make a noted and worthy Master Mason of another place a member of their Order, as he was there and

wanted to join. The Matron protested and called the attention of the Brother to the law of the General Grand Chapter and said she did not feel it would be right. She stated the matter caused considerable unpleasantness, yet she felt she had done her duty and abided by the law; while she was confident the Brother was a worthy applicant, yet she did not consider the case one of emergency. She appealed to me to say if she had not acted just and right in the case. I assured her she had, and I hoped she would always hold and maintain the law of her Chapter as well as those of the General Grand Chapter. If we had more of such members, there would not be quite as much disregard for the law of order as exists in many of our jurisdictions.

I visited another Chapter under jurisdiction of this Body, Queen Esther No. 1., of Louisville, Kentucky. On my return from a trip through Tennessee in April, I stopped at Louisville for a few days to visit with friends. Arriving late Saturday evening I had not time to look up the Chapter. Monday afternoon, I called on Dr. Rob. Morris and through him succeeded in fin ing the Worthy Patron, Len Varalli, Past Eminent Commander, De Molay Commandery, No. 12, Louisville, Kentucky. It chanced to be the night of their regular meeting, and through the courtesies of the courteous Worthy Patron, I visited the Chapter, and was vouched for by Dr. Rob. Morris. A very pleasant feature of the evening was the presentation of Dr. Morris for membership into the Chapter. I learned since he has been accepted and initiated. I found Queen Esther Chapter fully up to the standard, although being alone in the State and not having communication with other Chapters. That the members were interested in the Order is proven by their work in behalf of the Orphans' Home, a noble and laudable institution which is located at Louisville, and sustained by the Masons of Kentucky. Queen Esther felt that they had been slighted and almost ignored by the body to which they owed allegiance. They were only a little over 100 miles from the General Grand Secretary and never had had any visit and very little encouragement from him. This is a mistake of this Grand Body not to make some provision whereby the Order may be more intelligently advanced and better understood. With very little expense and some labor, there could have been to-day a Grand Chapter well established in Kentucky and Tennessee, the interest of which I may as well speak of now. In my journeying through Tennessee and Kentucky, I had considerable talk with Masons of the different places where I have stopped—more particularly in Tennessee—at Nashville, McMinnville and Chattanooga. All these places I took occasion to call and inquire if there were any prospects of forming Chapters. In each case I found they had a society formed, where

the degrees were conferred once or twice a year as the occasions of Masonic gathering called them together. At McMinnville they had a society of some eighty members, and it was a small town, while in Nashville I found the degrees had been conferred upon a great number in the old style.

Not having the time, then, to devote to them, I left all information with Worshipful Masters of Lodges, and asked them to explain the matter to the Masonic brethren, hoping to hear that the foundation is laid for Chapter work in these States, and I firmly believe that this body would do well to make some provision whereby the light of our Order may be more fully understood. I have corresponded with the Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter and in nearly every case there has been a call for help to aid them to more fully understand the work.

A great many have supposed the officers of the General Grand Chapter were receiving a salary sufficient to defray their expenses wherever they were needed. This has also been the impression of many of the Grand Chapters, and I informed them of the fact to the contrary. I asked them if the Past Most Worthy Grand Matron had received invitations to attend their Grand Chapter. In many cases they had not.

A feeling of pleasure and satisfaction comes to me as I recall the many kind and courteous greetings of the Grand and Subordinate Chapters visited, and the numerous letters received since, assuring me of their renewed interest and a greater desire for a more perfect work in their Chapters.

I feel fully compensated for the long and wearisome journeys, by these letters of assurance that I had been the humble instrument of imparting, in a small degree, a ray of light or encouragement to them. It has been my aim and purpose to do all the good I could for the Order, with a deep feeling of justice and unselfish loyalty, and I can truly say, the better way to establish peace and harmony in our Chapters is to live more for each other and less for self.

Purging the heart of all envy, jealousy and strife, which serve to destroy all the better and finer feelings, therefore, Sisters and Brothers, let us be guided purely by the teachings of the Order, keeping in our heart of hearts, the Golden Rule: "Do unto others as you would that they should do unto you," and the world will be better and our lives happier.

Since my connection with the Order, it has been my earnest desire to gather all the information I could, and by this desire, I have been able to visit many of the Grand Chapters, from which I have gleaned much valuable information. I have also taken pains to collect

the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters which I deem of great value. It would afford me much pleasure to give a concise report of the different Grand Chapters and the interest manifested therein, but this being the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, he will, no doubt, furnish you with a good report; however, I can not refrain from giving a passing notice of Grand Chapters visited since 1883.

March 11 to 13, 1884, I visited the Grand Chapter of Kansas, held at Lawrence. This was a large and interesting session. Visitors present from Missouri and Iowa. Kansas has an active Grand Chapter, alive to the best interests of the Order, anxious to do her work well. At all of their meetings they have ever chosen wisely; those to whom the work of the State has been intrusted have had a desire to see the work done according to the General Grand Chapter Ritual. I hear, however, that one Past Grand Matron has introduced some little innovations in the way of addition to the work in her Chapter. We hope this is not a fact, for I can hardly believe the wisdom displayed by this good sister would allow her to countenance any irregularities, for I know she must be fully conversant with the Grand Chapter law to allow any violation of Article III, Section 6.

Kansas takes the lead in some of the topics that should be settled at this session; one in refusing admission as visitor any member of the Order who is not a member of the Grand Chapter not under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter. She does not indorse the idea of admitting members of Sovereign Grand Chapters.

We are pleased to see Kansas leading in this matter, it expresses our sentiments exactly.

I was invited to install the Grand Officers, which I did, and took this occasion to install Sister S. C. Peters as Worthy Grand Electa of the General Grand Chapter, to which office she had been appointed at the session held in San Francisco. Sister Peters is a worthy member, and adds one more earnest and devoted member to the General Grand Chapter corps.

I can not leave without saying a word concerning the worthiness and efficiency of the Grand Secretary, Sister Myra Mottram. That she has fully proven this fact is shown by the manner of keeping her records and sending out the proceedings. Kansas ranks second in her proceedings. Another feature, Kansas always celebrates the natal day of the Order.

June 10, 1884, I was present at the seventh annual session of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, at which time I was the presiding officer. The session was very pleasant and deep interest was manifested. The Grand Chapter was royally entertained by Beulah Chapter, of Grinnell.

We were honored by the presence of Sister Lucinda Smith, R. W. Associate Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter, and Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Past M. W. Grand Matron, who were warmly welcomed and made honorary members of the Grand Chapter.

I feel proud of the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and we feel we have occasion to be proud of her record, and although we have been severely, and we think, unjustly and unkindly criticised by our good Brother in Indiana, we have not lost heart nor fainted by the wayside, and justly and proudly say, our Grand Chapter has never had a case of appeal or grievance, and all acts of the Grand Matron have been fully indorsed by the Grand Chapter, and we have some bright Masons numbered among us, embracing Grand Masters and Grand High Priests. What a blessed thing to agree and be satisfied with ourselves.

We had a very interesting session of Grand Chapter at Cedar Rapids, June 5th, 1885, our Grand Chapter being held in the Grand Lodge Library building, by invitation of Grand Lodge; also at Des Moines, June 3, meeting being held at Masonic Temple, the free use of which was tendered by the Masonic Brethren.

By cordial invitation of the Grand Matron and Grand Patron, I visited the Grand Chapter of Missouri, held at Hannibal, August 26, 1884. The session was very pleasant and of considerable interest.

I was surprised, however, at one of the decisions of the Grand Matron, and it was that a daughter could join at the age of sixteen, and I called the attention of the Grand Matron that it was a violation of the law of the Ritual, which their Grand Chapter had adopted, and they were a part of the General Grand Chapter and helped to make the law. Upon discussion, I found it was a law of their Grand Chapter, previous to the organization of the General Grand Chapter, and they held it was no violation to the General Grand Chapter law. Quite a spirited discussion arose on that part of the new constitution and by-laws adopted at that time by which the sixteen year old clause was adopted.

However, I hear of but one Chapter in the State that receives members of that age, and that is Bellefontaine, of which our Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Brother John R. Parson, is a member.

I attended also the eleventh annual session of this Grand Chapter held at Moberly, August 26, 1886. This was an unusually pleasant session. The Grand Chapter was entertained by Randolph Chapter 150 in a very hospitable manner.

The Grand Officers were publicly installed. On this as well as the former occasion, I was called upon to install the officers. We

have many warm friends in the Order in Missouri, and with pleasure we grasp the warm hand of friendship proffered to us at this time, and I am sure the greatest care and attention for our comfort will be given us by them.

October 7, 8 and 9, 1884, I attended the tenth session of the Grand Chapter of Illinois. There were present Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, the first Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister L. J. Pitkin, third Most Worthy Grand Matron, Brother John J. Sproull, honorary member of the General Grand Chapter; he was present at its organization. The harmony and good will was a marked feature of this session. A deep interest for the Order was manifested on every hand. Sister Mary A. Beale, proving herself a very efficient Grand Secretary, was re-elected—an honor justly merited, freely bestowed. It was my pleasing duty to install Sister Jane F. Cozine as Worthy Grand Esther.

October 6, 7 and 8, 1885, I was present at the Grand Chapter—a truly interesting session. The Orphans' Home subject was presented by the committee appointed the year before, and the matter having been taken in hand by the Masons of Illinois, the Grand Chapter thought it better to work with them in this great work of charity and benevolence, Brother A. B. Ashley, Grand Patron, being one of the trustees. The Grand Chapter made great progress during the year. We could not expect other results with Sister Jennie A. Walker as Grand Matron and Brother A. B. Ashley as Grand Patron, and Sister Beale, Grand Secretary. They were all re-elected, which proves their work was satisfactory. On both of these occasions I installed the Grand Officers.

Having made every arrangement to attend the Grand Chapter of Texas, to be held the second Wednesday in October, I found to my utter disappointment that I had delayed going one day too long, as it required a longer time to reach Ft. Worth than I had thought. I telegraphed my greeting to them and my disappointment at not being able to meet with them. I then turned my thoughts to the Grand Chapter of Michigan. Although uninvited, in company with Sister Walker, we left for Sturgis, where the Grand Chapter convened the 14th of October. We were warmly welcomed.

We were the first visitors they had ever had from any other jurisdiction, and they seemed to appreciate the visit. The session was very interesting. The officers exemplified the work in a very able manner. This Grand Chapter has had much to contend with in the exchange of Rituals, as many of the Chapters have never been satisfied with the change in the work and have ceased to exist, thereby losing a goodly number of their members; yet, they seemed to be overcoming the prejudice, and Chapters are again resuming work.

This Grand Chapter liberally paid the railroad expenses of Sister Walker and myself from Chicago and return, feeling it was an honor and a pleasure to do so. I shall long remember the members of this Grand Chapter and the dear friendships formed while with them.

At this time I had this question asked me: "Can a Grand Matron hold an office in the General Grand Chapter who holds no membership in any subordinate Chapter?" I answered she could not. I was then informed that Sister Snyder, our Worthy Associate Grand Conductress, was not a member of a Chapter, her Chapter had never come into the Grand Chapter since the change in Ritual and the Adoptive Lodge to Chapters. I asked Brother Purrington to see her and state the matter, and unless she affiliate or her Chapter revive, her office would in my estimation be vacant and her installation void. I have never heard from Brother Purrington or her. However, I hope she is here to speak for herself in this matter.

October 27, 1885, I met with the Grand Chapter of Arkansas, at Searcy. The Grand Matron, Sister Alice Cox, was not present, being kept at home by severe sickness. She was much missed by the Grand Chapter. Sister Kittie A. Neal, Associate Grand Matron, presiding. The Grand Matron's address was full of deep interest and proved she had been a gleaner in the fields, both early and late, and worthy the seat she occupied. Brother Dannelly is an earnest worker in the Order, also Brother J. G. Holland, Associate Grand Patron.

Arkansas is slowly but surely gaining ground, the Star is growing brighter in the State. They labor under many difficulties, of which many States know nothing, concerning their meeting in Grand Chapter, being obliged to travel forty or fifty miles over mountains and by team to reach the railroad, and a long journey after that.

This Grand Chapter paid me $25.00 toward my expenses for which they have my thanks, and I only hope I benefited them, in a measure at least, for the courtesy. I installed their officers, by invitation, and in the hurry, which seemed necessary, as some of the delegates must leave for home, I forgot, what to me was a pleasure held in view on this visit, and that was the installation of Miss Leila McBride as Worthy Grand Adah of the General Grand Chapter. I was obliged to appoint a deputy to perform this duty for me.

By cordial invitation of the Grand Matron, Sister Spitler, Wednesday, the 8th of April, 1885, I attended the Grand Chapter of Indiana. The attendance was large, as is usual in that State, which holds prominently among the goodly number many brother representatives.

Among the visitors were Brother Sproull, of New York; Brother Chorlton, Worthy Patron, and Sister Stephens, Worthy Matron, of Lorraine Chapter, of Columbus, Ohio. We were very hospitably entertained by the Worthy Grand Matron. We have many friends in Indiana Grand Chapter whom we hope to meet upon future occasions.

My official acts have been few, as there is but little specified by the constitution for the Most Worthy Grand Matron to do during the recess of the General Grand Chapter.

May 20, 1885, I informed the Most Worthy Grand Patron of the death of Sister Lucinda Smith, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, who died of heart disease at her home in Newark, N. J., on May 13, and asked that a suitable memorial notice be sent out to the members of the Order, which was issued by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, June 10.

March 13, 1884, installed Sister S. C. Peters, of Newton, Kansas, Worthy Grand Electa.

October 9, 1884, I installed Sister Jane F. Cozine, of Rockford, Ill., Worthy Grand Esther.

February 10, 1886, I received notice for the call of this meeting of this body, which I signed and sent to Brother R. B. Rose, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

August 8, 1885, I received a communication from the Worshipful Brother Ferdinando Borsaira, Naples, Italy, asking information concerning the Order of the Eastern Star, asking for proceedings of the different Grand Chapters. I answered promptly, sending all the extra copies in my possession, hoping they might shed the light of our Star in Italy. I received a letter of thanks and a bundle of Italian Masonic documents, which I regretted I was unable to read. Further knowledge has been sent them by Sister Myra Mottram, Grand Secretary of Kansas. She will no doubt give a report at this session.

Early in 1884 I received a letter from J. R. Graham, Seattle, Washington Territory, seeking the light of the Order, and making inquiry concerning expenses of organizing a Chapter. I answered giving all the information possible, then referred the letter to the Most Worthy Grand Patron. I heard no more from him until last winter, when I heard again from Mr. Graham, saying they were about ready to complete the organization and asked that I give them a name. I gave them choice of three and my preference for Lorraine, after our Past Most Worthy Grand, and am pleased to say that they have taken that name. Since my arrival here in St. Louis I have received, through Sir Knight Parvin, the petition for the charter,

accompanied by the usual fee—twenty dollars, and eleven dollars for dues. I ask that the petition be accepted and charter granted, and the amount, $31, placed on their credit and the charter and usual supplies sent at once.

Just before the opening of this session I installed Sister Leila McBride, of Jacksonville, Arkansas, as Worthy Grand Adah.

I have also asked and recommended the name of Brother C. H. Wright, of Deland, Florida, as Deputy for that State, knowing his influence and position and the deep interest he felt in the Order, he would help the work to a more prosperous growth and a Grand Chapter could and would be the result. Much needs be done in this way to enhance due interest in those States where no Grand Chapter exists.

Hundreds of other letters have come to me, which I have answered promptly and freely, giving whatever information desired. I have written over seven hundred letters and postals for the interest of the Order, assisted in organizing Chapters in other Grand Jurisdictions by special request, attended one hundred and forty Subordinate Chapter meetings and twelve Grand Chapter sessions, embracing eight different Grand Chapters. Gladly would I have made other visitations had it been possible for me to do so. Many of the Grand Chapters meeting at the same time of the month prevented me from visiting others which I would have been pleased to do. I have spent much of my time, traveled many thousand miles in the interest of the Order, which I hope may not have been altogether in vain.

Prosperity of the Order would have been more marked, and much more could have been accomplished, had it not been for the edict of the Most Worthy Grand Patron. Petitions are now waiting the result of this issue. Wisconsin might have been added to our list with very little work. New York, Vermont and Connecticut, I doubt not, would have fallen into the line, had all been peace and harmony with unity of thought and action, proving to them that this General Grand body is useful in that way. I fear we shall never be a united Order, yet I have strong hope that we may. It rests entirely upon the actions of this meeting at this time.

I would ask you, in all candor, what justice there is in allowing our Ritual to be used by Grand bodies who care not for the laws of this General Grand body or acknowledge their allegiance to us, and refusing to sell it to a Grand body who had always obeyed our laws; whose Grand Matron had the courage to discipline a Chapter who had cast it aside and introduced a work of their own? This being the only law laid down by this General Grand Chapter according to its constitution for a Grand Chapter to follow or abide by. And now

as representatives of the different Grand Chapters, we have met as a representative boby as to better understand and work for the best interests of the Order of the Eastern Star.

There will not be a word uttered, thought expressed or act done that will not in some way leave its impress for weal or woe and continue to influence to a greater or less degree those who have not yet entered our circle. How important than that our record be well written, showing the promptings of a pure heart, uttering our honest convictions for higher and nobler principles. Let us convince the world that we are Brothers and Sisters inspired by the teachings of our Order to loftier aims and greater achievements; let us be true to principle, true to our obligations, true to ourselves and true to our God. "True worth is never lost to sight and will not go unrewarded" Sisters, we may feel honored to be numbered among this noble band of workers, and as a compensation let us labor zealously at all times with earnest heart and willing hands for the upbuilding of this beautiful Order. If the sheaves garnered be but small, be not disheartened; with a renewed interest, persevere in our every effort to shed abroad the bright light of our Star, with full confidence that the future will bring us a more abundant harvest.

"There are store-houses full of memories,
That would seem a heavy load,
Were it not for the many gem thoughts,
To cheer us on our road.

"Let us treasure up the choice ones,
Which in after years may bring,
Some pleasant recollection back,
As time flits on the wing.

"But the shafts that made contention,
And perplexities and strife,
We'll burry deep and never wish
To bring them back to life."

CONCLUSION.

I thank this body for the high honor conferred upon me three years ago; the highest in the gift of the Order. I have keenly felt the responsibilities of the position. It has been my earnest desire and every effort given was to fill it with credit to myself, and honor to the office. If I have erred, in any of my official duties, I ask you to temper your criticism with justice, charity, sisterly and brotherly love.

May the bright rays of our Star permeate the hearts of all the worthy, vanquishing every lurking enemy, sending its light and love into every land and place where the Masonic Order is known and established.

I wish to thank each and every member of the Order, with whom I have associated. I shall ever bear a grateful remembrance of the respect and honor shown me in all these associations. They will cheer and guide me in this wearisome journey of life. That unity of thought and action shall remain with us in all our future endeavors, our efforts be crowned with prosperity and success, then we may feel sure that "the Eastern Star shall rise and not fall." May our Heavenly Father guide and protect you all.

Sincerely yours,

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS,

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Brother W. H. Smythe moved that the address be referred to the committee to which the address of the M. W. Grand Patron was referred.

Brother E. W. Roberts moved as an amendment that the committee be instructed to have the address printed and presented with its report, which was not adopted.

The original motion was then adopted.

On motion of Brother W. H. Smith, the General Grand Chapter was called off until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1886.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 9.40 A. M. and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron.

The R. W. Grand Secretary submitted the following:

INDIANAPOLIS, September 16, 1886.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

As the Right Worthy Grand Sectretary, nearing, as I am, the close of the tenth year of my occupancy of the position, and of the

life of the General Grand Chapter, I submit this, my fourth report, covering the transactions of my office from July 1, 1883, to July 31, 1886, both inclusive.

By direction of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, I countersigned and sealed the commissions of the various deputies appointed, and have issued charters, the details of which appear in the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron; have had printed and duly issued copies of the edicts of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and the official announcement of the death of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and have issued such other circulars and notices as the good of the Order seemed to require, and as my superior officers have directed. In doing this and the other duties of my office, I have written two thousand letters, sent three thousand circulars, and an equal number of other packages by mail and express.

In connection with the statement following, I submit herewith the vouchers for disbursements, and my books, together with a trial balance of the same, and more specific statements of ledger balances, and the sources of income of the General Grand Chapter:

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JULY 31, 1886.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand July 1, 1883	$ 626 68
Due from Grand Chapters, et al., July 1, 1883	265 27
Rituals sold	1,682 75
Petitions "	84 76
Badges "	249 42
Signets "	342 30
Odes "	63 29
Ribbon "	9 90
Summonses "	4 92
Dimits "	21 44
Ode books "	121 83
Stationery "	68 41
Charter fees	580 00
Dues	728 05
Overpaid by Grand Chapters, et al	17 22
	$4,882 76
Less balance due from Grand Chapters, et al	503 22
	$4,379 54
Less indebtedness July 1, 1883	1 95
Balance to be accounted for by R. W. Grand Treasurer	$4,377 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rituals	$658 49	
Petitions	39 24	
Badges	96 14	
Signets	73 29	
Ode cards	42 06	
Dimits	8 93	
Ode books	55 71	
Charter fees refunded	54 00	
Postage	133 81	
Salary	1,304 04	
Stationery and Printing	342 89	
Refunded over-payments	17 22	$2,825 82
Balance in hands of R. W. Grand Tresurer		$1,551 77

ASSETS.

MERCHANDISE ON HAND.

Rituals	1,587	$209 48	
Badges	279	35 24	
Signets	51	15 16	
Ode cards	1,134	6 80	
Summonses	192	48	
Ode books	245	12 25	
Dimits	186	31	
Petitions	2,071	6 27	$285 99
Cash on hand			1,551 77
Due from Grand Chapters, et al		503 22	
Less due Grand Chapters, et al		16 52	
			486 70
Net assets			$2,324 46

In addition to the above, there are delinquent dues from various Chapters, some of which have not made reports; others have requested that the dues against them be remitted, the requests for which are herewith submitted, while others have offered no excuse for their delinquency.

DELINQUENT GRAND CHAPTER.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 2, Article XIV, of the Constitution, I have to report that the Grand Chapter of Ontario has failed to report to this Body for the past three years. As I am unable to get any communication whatever from the officers of

either the Grand or Subordinate Chapters, many of the letters addressed to them being returned "uncalled for," I am led to believe that the Grand Chapter is defunct.

The following named Subordinate Chapters have failed to report or pay dues for two years or more:

Colorado—Trinidad, No. 1, Trinidad.
Dakota—Queen Esther No. 1, Mitchell.
Black Hills, No. 2, Rapid City.

Florida—Evergreen, No. 2, Tampa.
Magnolia, No 3, Palatka.

Idaho—Mt. Idaho, No. 1, Mt. Idaho.

Indian Territory—An-tak-hom-ma, No. 2, McAlester.

North Corolina—Hope, No. 1, Boone.

Tennessee—Esther, No. 1, Difficult.
East Fork, No. 2, Ethel.
Fayetteville, No. 3, Fayetteville

With the exception of Magnolia Chapter, No. 3, Palatka, Florida; An-tak-hom-ma, No. 2, McAlester, Indian Territory; Hope Chapter, No. 1, Boone, North Carolina, and possibly Black Hills Chapter, No. 2, Rapid City, Dakota, these Chapters are believed to be entirely inactive.

THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

Under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with their membership as per last reports, are as follows:

Arizona—Golden Rule No. 1, Prescott	47
White Mountain No. 2, Globe	30
Colorado—Trinidad No. 1, Trinidad	Dormant
Colorado No. 2, Leadville	76
Eminence No. 3, Salida	66
Adah No. 4, Aspen	56
Garden City No. 5, Greeley	72
Dakota—Queen Esther No. 1, Mitchell	Dormant
Black Hills No. 2, Rapid City	31
Evergreen No. 3, Madison	55
Vesta No. 4, Watertown	45
Beulah No. 5, Flandrau	55
Howard No. 6, Howard	27
Florida—Evergreen No. 2, Tampa	Dormant
Magnolia No. 3, Palatka	No report

Idaho—Mt. Idaho No. 1, Mt. Idaho	Dormant
Hugh Duncan No. 2, Salmon City	27
Indian Territory—Ohoyohomma No. 1, Atoka	56
An-tak-hom-ma No. 2, McAlester	64
Puccaunla No. 3, Colbert	43
Savanna No. 4, Savanna	30
Kentucky—Queen Esther No. 1, Lousville	40
Louisiana—Rob Morris No. 1, New Orleans	47
Maryland—Alpha No. 1, Baltimore	46
Minnesota—Cereal No. 2, Mankato	28
Esther No. 4, Zumbrota	58
North Star No. 7, Anoka	39
Harmony No. 8, Minneapolis	80
Minneapolis No. 9, Minneapolis	96
Red Leaf No. 10, Wabasha	44
Electa No. 11, Hastings	46
Myrtle No. 13, Farmington	38
Beulah No. 14, Howard Lake	36
Virginia No. 15, Tracy	22
Lorraine No. 16, Minneapolis	26
Fidelity No. 17, Litchfield	25
Constellation No. 18, St. Paul	32
Mississippi—Natchez No. 1, Natchez	30
Montana—Miriam No. 1, Helena	90
Ruth No. 2, Butte City	105
Nevada—Electa No. 2, Austin	55
Esther No. 3, Carson	27
Adah No. 4, Reno	26
North Carolina—Hope No. 1, Boone	32
Ohio—Lorraine No. 1, Columbus	65
Oregon—Alpha No. 1, Ashland	75
Eugene City No. 2, Eugene	89
Adarel No. 3, Jacksonville	38
Cottage Grove No. 4, Cottage Grove	45
Oriental No. 5, Lakeville	41
Beulah No. 6, Coquelle City	86
Independence No. 7, Independence	24
Roseburg No. 8 Roseburg	64
St. Mary's No. 9, Corvallis	81

Tenessee—Esther No. 1, Difficult		Dormant
	East Fork No. 2, Ethel	Dormant
	Fayetteville No. 3, Fayetteville	Dormant
Washington—Rainbow No. 2, Dayton		50
	Chehalis No. 3, Chehalis	23
	Washington No. 4, Colfax	27
	Silver Spray No. 5, Cheney	24
Total membership		2,580
Total chapters		61

Lest my motives should be misunderstood, misconstrued or misrepresented, I add the following particulars as to the affairs of my office during the present term:

On October 23, 1883, the Most Worthy Grand Patron transmitted to me for signature and seal, appointments for Lorraine J. Pitkin and Jennie E. Mathews "for the States and Territories under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter," authorizing the said Sisters "to communicate the degrees of the Order" and perform other acts.

On October 31, 1883, I wrote Brother Gaskill: "I hold the commissions * * for further instructions as I can not sign same as they now read for the reason that they authorize the sisters named 'to communicate the degrees of the Order,' while landmark 8, (page 3 of Ritual) says: 'The degrees can not be conferred unless a *brother* in good standing shall preside and officiate' * *

"There is another side to the question which, perhaps, did not occur to you, and that is that a Grand Officer in issuing an appointment to a person to act as Deputy in any matter, thereby divests himself of his rights and prerogatives in that particular case, as long as said appointment is unrevoked. Hence I do not see but that in issuing a general commission covering the entire jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, you divest yourself of your rights and prerogatives, with the exception of the right to revoke the appointment. With such facts, it is hard to see how a second general commission could be issued. It is clear to my mind that but one person can exercise the powers of the same officer in the same jurisdiction at the same time, and I should very much regret seeing the General Grand Chapter placed in a position which would seem to assert the opposite to be true.

"Not only do I think it would be unconstitutional for more than one person to exercise the same prerogatives in the same territory at the same time, but it would give rise, or at least be liable to, to much confusion if not discord. If two can be appointed then there

is no limit, and there might be a dozen persons trying to exercise the same powers at the same place at once.

"In making these statements I am only acting for the best interest of the Order, as I see it, while my ideas as to the legal questions, I think will be sustained by your clear judgment, when you give the matter more reflection, as well as by any others who are learned in Masonic law.

"Landmark 8 is in accord with the necessities of the case, as no Sister could have 'lawful information' as to who is a Master Mason. I trust that the sisters can find room for their good work for the Order without putting matters in the questionable shape in which they would be should these commissions be issued. Each of them has found room for it heretofore, without such an appointment. They can do the preliminary work looking to the formation of Chapters without any such appointment, and as a matter of fact, with nine-tenths of all the chapters organized, under the General Grand Chapter, such preliminary work has been done by those who were not even members of the Order. In any case where they could use authority it would seem wisest to confer it by special appointment."

In further correspondence on the subject, I wrote Brother Gaskill, November 24, 1883: "I desire to say that these opinions are thoroughly consistent with the previous actions of the M. W. Grand Patron; that both Brothers Vincil and Lamb declined to issue general appointments to Deputies, although solicited to do so; and that no appointment has ever emanated from the M. W. Grand Patron, authorizing, or pretending to authorize, the communicating or conferring the degrees by a sister. So far as my memory serves me, Sister Mathews is the only S ster ever appointed a Deputy by the M. W. Grand Patron, and in her appointment the authorization concerning communicating the degrees in the printed form was stricken out, and a brother was commissioned at the same time (in each instance) to co-operate with her, who was empowered to communicate the degrees."

[The appointment of Sister Rolfe, which escaped my memory, was also without authority to confer the degrees.]

Subsequently Brother Gaskill eliminated the sentence authorizing the conferring the degrees from the commission, and decided as follows:

Question: Does the law require implicit obedience on the part of the R. W. Grand Secretary to the orders of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Answer: Yes.

Upon which I sealed and countersigned the appointments and forwarded them as directed, and have in all things concerning the affairs of the Order followed the orders of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIS D. ENGLE,

Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

On motion of Brother H. M. Pettit so much of the report as refers to finances was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and so much as refers to appointments to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The R. W. Grand Secretary then read the following.

St. Louis, September 22, 1886.

To the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star:

Herewith I submit my report as Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, together with my vouchers:

RECEIPTS.

From former Right Worthy Grand Treasurer	$ 620 18	
" " "	6 50	
From Right Worthy Grand Secretary	359 65	
" " "	100 00	
" " "	1,000 00	
" " "	300 00	
" " "	762 27	
" " "	550 00	
" " "	678 99	$4,377 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid warrant No. 37	$200 00
" " " 38	200 00
" " " 39	25 00
" " " 40	6 50
" " " 41	124 99
" " " 42	15 75
" " " 43	34 15
" " " 44	55 72
" " " 45	129 04
" " " 46	5 00
" " " 47	3 70
" " " 48	54 00
" " " 49	300 00

Paid warrant No. 50	$ 58 44	
" " " 51	295 85	
" " " 52	5 00	
" " " 53	6 50	
" " " 54	362 45	
" " " 55	300 00	
" " " 56	67 42	
" " " 57	32 40	
" " " 58	10 25	
" " " 59	10 00	
" " " 60	5 00	
" " " 61	4 00	
" " " 62	55 79	
" " " 63	175 00	
" " " 64	60 00	
" " " 65	220 60	
" " " 66	3 27	$2,825 82
Leaving balance on hand		$1,551 77

Courteously,

JOHN R. PARSON,
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Brother H. M. Pettit the report was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Brother T. R. Ercanbrack submitted the following:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that the following named persons are entitled to seats in this body:

ARKANSAS—Mrs. S. Alice Cox, Grand Matron.
Rev. G. A. Dannelly, Grand Patron.

CALIFORNIA—Mrs. Abbie E. Wood, Grand Matron.
E. W. Roberts, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Carrie A. Kingsley, Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Annie E. Douglas, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Annie E. Douglas, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary A. Flint, Past Grand Matron.

ILLINOIS—Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, Grand Matron.
Albert B. Ashley, Grand Patron.
A. R. Candy, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jeannette W. Ashley, Past Grand Matron.
JAMES M. BIRCE, Past Grand Patron.

INDIANA—Mrs. Carrie Fanning, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Anna V. Lakin, Associate Grand Matron.
W. H. Smythe, proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary B. High, Past Grand Matron.
Martin H. Rice, Past Grand Patron.
Henry G. Thayer, Past Grand Patron.
Robert Van Valzah, Past Grand Patron.
Albert H. Kaiser, Past Grand Patron.

IOWA—Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Grand Matron.
Sabert M. Casey, Grand Patron.
Theodore Schreiner, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
T. R. Ercanbrack, proxy for Associate Grand Patron
T. R. Ercanbrack, Past Grand Patron.
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Past Grand Matron.

KANSAS—Mrs. Emma W. Port, Grand Matron.
J. Ira Brown, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Rinda E. Chesney, Associate Grand Matron.
R. E. Stevenson, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Myra Mottram, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. H. A. Stevenson, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Amelia C. Peters, Past Grand Matron.

MASSACHUSETTS—Mrs. R. Emily Little, proxy for four principal officers.

MISSOURI—Mrs. Anna Goodrich, Grand Matron.
H. M. Pettit, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Cora McPherson, Associate Grand Matron.
Samuel L. C. Rhodes, Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Amanda M. Wyatt, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. Lynds, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Sarah M. Snyder, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary J. Wash, Past Grand Matron.

MISSOURI—Wm. R. Stubblefield, Past Grand Patron.
Wm. McCully, Past Grand Patron.
Milton H. Wash, Past Grand Patron.
James H. Frame, Past Grand Patron.
Benjamin Lynds, Past Grand Patron.
Jack P. Richardson, Past Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA—Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, proxy for Grand Matron.
F. E. Winning, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Elizabeth Davis, Past Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. Mount, Past Grand Matron.
Edwin Davis, Past Grand Patron.

Respectfully submitted,

T. R. ERCANBRACK,
WM. MCCULLY,
JENNIE A. WALKER,
MYRA MOTTRAM,
CARRIE A. KINGSLEY,
Committee.

The presence of Dr. Rob. Morris in the anteroom being announced, the M. W. Grand Matron appointed the M. W. Grand Patron and Lorraine J. Pitkin, Past M. W. Grand Matron, a committee to introduce him to the General Grand Chapter, which duty was performed by Brother R. C. Gaskill.

Rob. Morris was then conducted to the Grand East and saluted with the grand honors, and proceeded to address the body as follows:

I have no language that will fitly express my thanks for the complimentary introduction you have given me. It is by the favor of Almighty God that I am permitted once more to meet the General Grand Chapter. Ever since the organization of this honorable body in 1876, I have followed its progress with profound interest and ardent prayer for your success. I can not deny that I was surprised, perhaps mortified, that I was not consulted in the original organization of this Order. Seeing that the Eastern Star was strictly a matter of my own conception, it seemed strange to me and to my friends, that when the subject was deemed worthy of a national recognition, that I was not invited to the convention of 1876 though living only four hours distant from the place. This is my answer to the question, a

thousand times asked me, why I did not take an interest in the movements of the General Grand Chapter during the first four years of its existence.

But when at Chicago, in 1880, you welcomed me with such honor, made me a life member and even adopted my birthday as the day of your annual festival, then you rolled away the reproach from me. Then you awakened every sentiment of gratitude in my heart. Then I promised you my best efforts in the promotion of the great work in which you are engaged.

I think there are but few delegates present who have not received letters from me in reply to inquiries upon the laws and usages of the Eastern Star. You will bear witness that I always urged you to obey the laws of your Grand and General Grand Chapter, to respect the decisions of the officers set above you and to perform strictly the duties which you voluntarily assumed when you became members of the Eastern Star. When complaints have been made to me I have answered that I am not the executive and have no power to decide questions referred to me. If I have been of any service to you since you elected me a life member six years ago, it has been in the interest of peace, harmony and submission to law.

As a token of respect, I beg to offer a brief poem written for this occasion:

THE PRESENCE OF THE INVISIBLES.

Lines composed for the Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., September, 1886, by Rob. Morris, Patriarch of the Order.

If to our world dear lost ones would descend
If Ruth and Martha would in kindness bend,
With Esther and Electa from the sky
And sanctify our harmony and joy,
    I think while in these roseate bonds we meet,
    Our happiness this morning were complete.

So hard is life, so anxious and unsure,
So much there is to combat and endure,
We need a greater than an earthly hope,
To buoy our dull, despondent spirits up;
    Oh God, Thou fountain of all-perfect love,
    Send messengers of comfort from above.

So shall this Conclave of the Eastern Star,
Be like the gatherings where the angels are;
So shall one purpose occupy each heart
And give full consolation ere we part;
    While every evil thought shall fade away
    And naught remain but one perpetual day.

Brother Morris asked that a committee be appointed to define the power and duties of a life member. Whereupon the M. W. Grand Matron appointed Brother R. C. Gaskill, and Sisters Elizabeth Butler and Lorraine J. Pitkin as such committee.

On motion of Brother R. C. Gaskill, it was ordered that the remarks and poem of Brother Morris be printed with the proceedings.

On motion, Brother R. C. Gaskill was requested to furnish a copy of his remarks in introducing Brother Rob. Morris, for incorporation into the minutes.*

On motion of Brother R. C. Gaskill, it was ordered that J. S. Conover, Grand Patron, and Mrs. M. M. Parson, Associate Grand Matron of Michigan, here without credentials, be admitted to seats and votes in this body.

Brother J. S. Conover submitted the following:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your committee to whom were referred the addresses of the M. W. Grand Patron and M. W Grand Matron, have considered the same and would recommend—

That so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Patron as refers to authorizations made and requests granted, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to Deputies appointed, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to the Mississippi Grand Chapter, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the M. W. Grand Patron's and M. W. Grand Matron's addresses as refers to decisions given and opinions expressed, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On motion of Brother A. B. Ashley the report was adopted.

* The remarks of Brother Gaskill have not been received by the R. W. Grand Secretary.

On motion of Brother J. S. Conover, the election of officers was made the special order for one o'clock to day.

Brother Willis D. Engle moved that the General Grand Chapter be called off until one o'clock, which was not adopted.

Brother F. E. Winning moved to reconsider the vote by which the election of officers was made the special order for one o'clock, which was not adopted.

Brother A. H. Kaiser moved that the General Grand Chapter be called off until one o'clock, which was not adopted.

Sister L. J. Pitkin moved that all persons who are not members of the General Grand Chapter be excluded from the meetings of the committee of the whole.

Brother W. H. Smythe raised the point of order that the General Grand Chapter could not make rules for the government of a committee, which point was overruled by the M. W. Grand Matron.

The motion of Sister Pitkin was not adopted.

The General Grand Chapter was then called off until one o'clock.

SEPTEMBER 24.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 1.30 o'clock P. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron.

On motion of Brother Benjamin Lynds the special order for one o'clock, being the election of officers, was postponed until after the settlement of the Minnesota matter.

Brother R. C. Gaskill submitted the following which, on motion of Brother W. R. Stubblefield, was adopted:

ST. LOUIS, September 25, 1886.

Your committee to whom was referred the question of the power and privileges of Brother Robert Morris in this General Grand Chapter, respectfully report that the life membership heretofore conferred

on Brother Morris by this Grand Body, was honorary alone and did not confer on the said Brother the right to vote in this General Grand Chapter. We would recommend that the following resolution be adopted:

Resolved, That Brother Robert Morris be accorded membership in this General Grand Chapter, so far as to allow him to present resolutions and other written documents for its consideration, and also to participate in all discussions.

R. C. GASKILL,
ELIZABETH BUTLER,
LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

Brother J. S. Conover submitted the following:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your Committee on Finance would report that they have examined the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, and compared them with the vouchers and books, and find the same correct. We would recommend that the following appropriations be made for expenses incurred by the officers named, in the performance of their official duties:

To the M. W. Grand Matron	$100 00
To the M. W. Grand Patron	100 00
To the R. W. Grand Secretary	50 00

All of which is respectfully submitted,

J. S. CONOVER,
MARY C. SNEDDEN,
ELIZABETH DAVIS,
E. W. ROBERTS.

On motion of Brother W. H. Smythe the report was concurred in.

The hour of two o'clock having arrived, Brother H. M. Pettit moved that the Body go into committee of the whole with Brother W. R. Stubblefield in the chair, which was adopted.

The committee arose at 5 P. M., and Brother W. R. Stubblefield reported that the committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions, which was concurred in.

Resolved, That in his edict of withdrawal of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, the M. W. Grand Patron was justified by the exigencies of the case, and this General Grand Chapter confirms his action.

Resolved, That the M. W. Grand Patron be authorized to call a convention of all the Chapters in Minnesota, claiming to work under the authority of both the so-called Grand Chapters of that State, and that he, in person or by deputy, proceed to that convention and organize a new Grand Chapter, consisting of all the Chapters willing to become members of this new Grand Chapter, and that no other Body but the one thus organized be recognized by this General Grand Chapter.

Brother T. R. Ercanbrack submitted the following, which, on motion of Sister Abbie E. Wood, was concurred in.

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, ORDER EASTERN STAR:

The Committee on Credentials would respectfully report that Emma W. Port, Grand Matron of Kansas, being obliged to go home, requests that she be allowed to constitute Mary C. Snedden, of the Grand Jurisdiction of Kansas, as her proxy. We recommend that her request be granted.

T. R. ERCANBRACK,
MYRA MOTTRAM,
CARRIE A. KINGSLEY,
JENNIE A. WALKER.

The hour of two having arrived, the election of officers was proceeded with, Brothers A. B. Ashley, Benjamin Lynds and A. H. Kaiser, acting as tellers.

Pending the conclusion of the election the General Grand Chapter was, on motion of Brother W. H. Smythe, called off until 8 o'clock P. M.

SEPTEMBER 24, 1886.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 8.30 P. M. and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron.

The election was continued and resulted in the choice of the following:

M. W. Grand Patron—Jefferson S. Conover.
M. W. Grand Matron—Mary A. Flint.
R. W. Associate Grand Patron—Benjamin Lynds.
R. W. Associate Grand Matron—Mary E. Mount.
R. W. Grand Secretary—Willis D. Engle.
R. W. Grand Treasurer—John R. Parson.

Brother W. H. Smythe offered the following, which was adopted on motion of Sister A. E. Douglas:

WHEREAS, The next Triennial Conclave of the Grand Encampment will be held in the city of Washington, D. C.; and

WHEREAS, There is no Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star in said city, therefore

Resolved, That the next Triennial meeting of this General Grand Chapter be held in the city of Indianapolis, Ind., in October, 1889, unless sooner convened, and that the first five officers fix the date of said meeting.

On motion of Brother J. S. Conover, it was ordered that the meeting be continued this evening and all business completed if possible.

The R. W. Grand Secretary read a communication from Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Baltimore, Maryland, when, upon motion, the dues of said Chapter were remitted.

On motion of Brother W. D. Engle, the two principal officers were authorized to remit the dues or make other settlement of the dues of chapters reported as delinquent in the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

A bill for expenses in draping the station of the R. W. Associate Grand Matron amounting to $3.70 was presented and on motion allowed.

On motion of Brother Wm. McCully, the following communication was ordered sent to Occidental Lodge, No. 169, A. F. & A. M.:

To the Worshipful Master, Wardens and Brethren of Occidental Lodge, No. 169, A. F. & A. M.

Our Worthy Brother Lynds having obtained the use of your beautiful hall free of charge for the meeting of our General Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star; now, therefore, this General Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, tenders you a hearty and unanimous vote of thanks for your ever to be remembered kindness and act of friendship to this General Grand Chapter.

Communications were read from Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons Elmira Foley and Mary A. Hepler, and Brother John J. Spoull, Past Grand Secretary, of New York.

Brother J. S. Conover moved that the same be spread upon the minutes.

Brother W. H. Smythe moved to amend by striking out the word "spread" and inserting the word "noted," which was adopted.

The motion as amended was then adopted.

On motion of Brother E. W. Roberts, it was

Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Secretary be and he is hereby authorized to produce a suitable room in or convenient to the building in which the future meetings of the General Grand Chapter may be holden, to be used temporarily as the Secretary's office for two days prior to the commencement of, and keep the same open during the sessions of the General Grand Chapter for the convenience of committees and members.

Brother T. R. Ercanbrack moved that the installation of officers be made the order of business for 10.30 o'clock tomorrow, which was not adopted.

The Grand Matron and Grand Patron elect announced the appointment of the following officers:

W. Grand Conductress—Mrs. Jennie A. Walker.
W. Grand Associate Conductress—Mrs. S. Alice Cox.
V. W. Grand Chaplain—Rev. G. A. Dannelly.
W. Grand Adah—Mrs. Mary C. Snedden.
W. Grand Ruth—Mrs. Jeannette W. Ashley.
W. Grand Esther—Mrs. Virginia Tucker.

W. Grand Martha—MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK.
W. Grand Electa—MRS. TILLIE VANWINKLE.
W. Grand Warder—MRS. ELIZABETH DAVIS.
W. Grand Sentinel—WM. M. BLACK.
W. Grand Marshal—JOSEPH W. HILL.

Brother F. E. Winning presented a form of floral ceremony which, by consent, was referred to the Committee on Ritual appointed at the last meeting.

The Grand Matron of Missouri extended an invitation to the members of the General Grand Chapter to attend the next meeting of the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

On motion of Brother Benjamin Lynds, the General Grand Chapter was called off until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SEPTEMBER 25, 1886.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 9.45 A. M., and was called to order by the M. W. Grand Matron, who called the M. W. Grand Patron to the chair.

The minutes of the previous sessions were read and approved.

The Committee on Unfinished business submitted the following:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the printed report of proceedings of the last meeting of this General Grand Chapter and find the following business not disposed of:

The M. W. Grand Matron, in her address, recommended the adoption of regalia and jewels for the use of the Grand Chapters, and for the use of the General Grand Chapter, and a committee consisting of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary were appointed for that purpose. (See pages 22 and 60).

We find also, in another place, that Sister Abbie E. Wood was appointed a committee to present to the General Grand Chapter designs for Grand and Past Grand officers' jewels. (See page 56).

We present these matters as unfinished business proper to come before this General Grand Chapter at this time on reports from these committees. Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN H. RICE,
ABBIE E. WOOD,
R. EMILY LITTLE.

On motion of Brother Edwin Davis the following preamble and resolutions, offered by Brother Rob. Morris, were adopted, and Brothers J. S. Conover and Benjamin Lynds, and Sister Mary A. Flint were named as the committee thereunder:

WHEREAS, During the ten years of its existence the General Grand Chapter of the Eastern Star has far outgrown the expectations of its founders, making changes in its Constitution essential to the avoidance of errors in legislation, therefore

Resolved, That a committee of three members, the M. W. Grand Patron being chairman, be appointed to report at our next Conclave as follows:

1. A synopsis of the decisions of the two superior officers and of the legislation of the General Grand Chapter for the past ten years.

2. Such revisions, additions and amendments to the present Constitution as will comport with the present and prospective extension of our Order.

Resolved, That the report shall be placed in the hands of the R. W. Grand Secretary in time to have it printed and ready for distribution at the opening of our next Conclave.

On motion of Brother W. H. Smythe, it was

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter be extended to Brother R. C. Gaskill, M. W. Grand Patron, and the other retiring grand officers for the able and fearless manner in which they have discharged the duties of their respective offices and that our best wishes will go with them through life.

Brother J. S. Conover submitted the following, which, on motion of Brother G. A. Dannelly, was adopted:

In view of the fact that the bare expenses of the M. W. Grand Patron in attending this session of this Grand body far exceeds the appropriation made to him, we recommend that that appropriation

be increased to $200. Also that we appropriate the sum of $10 to janitor who has served us during this session. Also that $19 be appropriated to the M. W. Grand Matron for postage, telegrams, etc.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. CONOVER,
ELIZABETH DAVIS,
E. W. ROBERTS,
Finance Committee.

Brother J. S. Conover submitted the following, which, on motion of Brother W. H. Smythe, was concurred in:

The M. W. Grand Matron requests the privilege of eliminating from her address such portions as refer to the personal differences between herself and the M. W. Grand Patron in relation to the Minnesota case, as she has no desire, neither does she deem it proper, that such matters should be brought to the attention of the outside world, yet she felt it to be justice to herself that she be permitted to call the attention of this Grand body to the facts alluded to in that portion of her address.

That so much of the address of the M. W. Grand Matron as refers to the Grand Chapter of Ontario, be referred to the M. W. Grand Patron for such action as in his judgment the case requires.

We recommend, also, that the addresses of the M. W. Grand Patron and M. W. Grand Matron be printed with the proceedings.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. S. CONOVER,
ELIZABETH BUTLER.

Brother J. S. Conover offered the following, which, on motion, was adopted:

Add to Section 2, Art. VI, of the Constitution "and each Subordinate Chapter, under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in States or Territories where less than five Subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter."

Brother Willis D. Engle offered the following, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That the words "and must be a member of such Grand Chapter" be stricken out of Section 4, Article II, of the Constitution, and that the Words "and must be a Past Patron or Past Matron" be inserted in lieu thereof.

Sister Annie E. Douglas offered the following, which was not adopted:

Resolved, That the ritual shall be sold by Grand Secretaries only to present or past Patrons and Matrons.

Sister R. Emily Little offered the following which on motion of Brother John R. Parson, was referred to a committee of three, the M. W. Grand Matron naming the following as such committee: Brothers John R. Parson and F. E. Winning and Sister Mary C. Snedden:

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter adopt as a diploma for this Order the one presented to this Grand Body at its session in California, in 1883, by the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, on the terms then presented and that the R. W. Grand Secretary be authorized to have the same printed and sold only upon orders from secretaries of Chapters at a price not exceeding 75 cents each.

Sister L. J. Pitkin presented a report on ritual, upon which Sister Nettie Ransford moved that all matter relating to the ritual work of the Order be referred to the same committee, with the addition of one member to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Matron to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mrs. Lucinda Smith, to report at the next stated meeting.

On motion of Sister Annie E. Douglas, the motion of Sister Ransford was amended by adding that Sisters Ashley and Pitkin first exemplify the labyrinth, which was adopted.

The Sisters named then exemplified the labyrinth as requested.

Brother F. E. Winning then submitted the following, which on motion of Rev. Brother G. A. Dannelly, was received and adopted.

St. Louis, Mo., September 25, 1886.

To the M. W. Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star:

Your committee on Charters and dispensations would most respectfully report that we have examined the documents laid before us and find that Charters have been properly granted to the following named Chapters:

Lorraine, No. 1, Columbus, O.
Chehalis, No. 3, Chehalis, W. T.
Ft. Worth, No. 8, Ft. Worth, Tex.
Mt. Moriah, No. 9, Kildare Tex.
Jonesboro, No. 10, Jonesboro, Tex.
Vesta, No. 4, Watertown, Dak.
Rob. Morris, No. 1, New Orleans, La.
Eminence, No. 3, Salida, Col.
Cedar Bayou, No. 11, Cedar Bayou, Tex.
Liberty Hill, No. 12, Liberty Hill, Tex.
New Hope, No. 13, Gibtown, Tex
Beulah, No. 5, Flandreau, Dak.
Howard, No. 6, Howard, Dak.
Independence, No. 7, Independence, Ore.
White Mountain, No. 2, Globe, Ariz.
Roseburg, No. 8, Roseburg, Ore.
Lorraine, No. 16, Minneapolis, Minn.
Ester, No. 3, Carson, Nev.
Adah, No. 4, Aspen, Col.
Garden City, No 5, Greeley, Col.
Savanna, No. 4, Savanna, I. T.
Hugh Duncan, No. 2, Salmon City, Ida.
Fidelity, No. 17, Litchfield, Minn.
North Star, No. 7, Anoka, Minn.
Washington, No. 4, Colfax, Wash. Ter.
Adah, No. 4, Reno, Nev.
Constellation, No. 18, St. Paul, Minn.
Silver Spray, No. 5, Cheney, Wash. Ter.
Natchez, No. 1, Natchez, Miss.
St. Mary's, No. 9, Corvallis, Ore.

We also find that the petition for Charter of Independence Chapter No. 7, located at Independence, Oregon, has not been returned to the R. W. Grand Secretary by the Special Deputy, Rev. Robert W. Hill, appointed to organize the same; we find, however, that the fee has been paid to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

F. E. WINNING.
MARY C. SNEDDEN.

By unanimous consent, the rule of order requiring that the installation of Grand officers be the last order of bussiness, was suspended for this meeting.

On motion of Brother T. R. Ercanbrack, the installation of officers was proceeded with, R. C. Gaskill, M. W. Grand

Patron, presiding, F. E. Winning being appointed as W. Grand Marshal, the following officers being duly installed:

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, M. W. Grand Patron.
MARY A. FLINT, M. W. Grand Matron.
BENJAMIN LYNDS, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
WILLIS D. ENGLE, R. W. Grand Secretary.
JOHN R. PARSON, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. G. A. DANNELLY, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
MRS. S. ALICE COX, W. Grand Associate Conductress.
MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN, W. Grand Adah.
MRS. JEANNETTE W. ASHLEY, W. Grand Ruth.
MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK, W. Grand Martha.
MRS. ELIZABETH DAVIS, W. Grand Warder.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then addressed the body as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

At the close of a week so full of pleasurable excitement, with so many demands upon time and strength, and the unaccustomed heat of the weather, I do not feel in a condition to speak to you as I would like to do. My remarks will therefore be very brief. I have accepted the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron of the General Grand Chapter with extreme reluctance, being fully aware of the responsibilities imposed upon me by its acceptance, and distrustful of my ability to properly perfom its important duties. But, as in other matters involving care and labor, I shall do the work assigned to me, with a conscientious desire to promote the best interest of the Order. I feel assured that in these efforts I shall have the advice and assistance of my coadjutor, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, upon whose wide experience and mature judgment I shall confidently rely for the help my inexperience will need. But while you have chosen us as the executive heads of the Order, I trust you will bear in mind that we also, can not make the work of the next three years successful. We shall need, and have a right to expect your sympathy and cheerful co-operation, that officers and members may work together harmoniously, to the end that the Order of the Eastern Star, which has already made such progress, may continue to advance in the career of usefulness which is opening before it; that our emblematic star, whose light has shone so brightly in the past, may glow with greater brilliancy as the years pass on and shed

its radiance over all whose hearts are open to its influence. Sisters and brothers, I am glad to have met you here, and hope our further acquaintance will be pleasant and profitable. As we separate and return to our homes I trust we shall take with us only pleasant memories of our meetings, and the assurance that much good has been done by our assembling together. I am deeply sensible of the honor you have conferred upon me, and grateful for the expression of your confidence in electing me to this office and assure you that I shall endeavor to perform my allotted duties with such strength as may be vouchsafed to me by Him without whose help all human effort is fruitless.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then spoke as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, SISTERS AND BROTHERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

I desire to thank you most heartily for the expression of your esteem as manifested by your electing me to this most exalted and responsible position as the official and executive head of the Order of the Eastern Star. I assure you I appreciate this election the more, and prize it the more highly, because it has come to me so *entirely* unsought and unsolicited. Nothing could have been further from my thoughts when I came from my home to attend this session, than being called upon to occupy this exalted station. Coming to me thus, as the spontaneous offering of my brothers and sisters, I value it (as an expression of your confidence) as above price. I enter upon the duties of the office, realizing the mighty responsibility that rests upon me, trusting to your kind forbearance in overlooking any errors I may make, for I *shall* make mistakes. I am only human, and it is not in our weak human nature to be perfect, but I shall look for help and direction to that kind Heavenly Father, whom I reverently worship, from whom all strength and wisdom must come, and asking for your cordial assistance in all the work pertaining to the upbuilding of our beloved Order, I pledge you that by no willing act of mine will I ever bring dishonor upon this Order or the office in which your kindness has placed me.

Now a word in reference to some of our work at this session. You are aware that differences had arisen between officers and members of this body that tended to produce discord instead of peace, and we have all had to sacrifice some of our own personal feelings, to promote general harmony, but now that the white-winged dove of peace has settled down upon us, let us go home, firmly resolved to bury, now and forever, all personal animosities, and work in perfect harmony for the welfare and upbuilding of our order. "Let the dead

past bury its dead, act in the living present"—and, by all means in your power, aid in making our Order known as it is, one of the grandest organizations on earth. Again, I thank you for your great kindness, and pledge you that I will never willingly or knowingly bring dishonor on the high office to which you have called me.

Right here the idea occurs to me to tell you how the mystic number three has followed me in all my masonic life. I do not tell of this with any spirit of egotism, for I have never told it in public before, but as an instance of what strange co-incidences will sometimes occur in a person's history. The third Lodge meeting I attended after being made a Master Mason, I was elected Senior Warden, and the third year of my membership was elected Master of the Lodge. At the third meeting of the Royal Arch Chapter, after I became a Royal Arch Mason, I was elected to an official position, the third year to a seat in the Council of Three, and now, after sitting there three years, am occupying the High Priest's chair, and after attending three meetings of the Grand Chapter was elected to the position therein which I now hold. The third meeting of the Council of Royal and Select Masters, after I became a member, I was elected to the third office in that body, as one of the Council of Three, and after serving three years was made T. I. Master of that body. On becoming a Knight Templar, was, at third meeting after joining, elected as an officer, served three years in different offices and was then elected Eminent Commander, which office I now hold, and at the third conclave of the Grand Commandery which I attended was honored with my present official position in that Grand body. My experience in the Order of the Eastern Star has seemed to be followed by the same mystic number three. On the third meeting after becoming a member, was elected Patron, held that office three years, and the third meeting of the Grand Chapter I attended was chosen Grand Patron, and now, after serving three years in the highest office in our Grand Chapter to which a brother can be chosen, you have now added another triple link to that mysterious chain, by electing me to this high office, the duties of which I must perform for the next three years.

On motion of Brother E. W. Roberts, the principal officers were requested to reduce their remarks to writing, and that they be published with the proceedings of the meeting.

Sister Jennie E. Mathews then submitted the following, which was adopted:

The committee appointed at the last meeting on designs for jewels, respectfully report that the jewels of a Grand Chapter be the emblems

within a star or a triangle, within a pentagon. That the jewels of the General Grand Chapter be the emblems within a star or a triangle, within a circle.

Respectfully submitted,

JENNIE E. MATHEWS.
ROLLIN C. GASKILL.
WILLIS D. ENGLE.

Brother Benjamin Lynds submitted the following, which was adopted:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR:

Your committee on Jurisprudence beg leave to submit the following report as the result of their deliberations upon the several matters in the addresses of the M. W. Grand Patron and M. W. Grand Matron committed to their charge:

After due consideration we recommend that the authorizations made and requests granted by the M. W. Grand Patron, be approved.

We find that his decisions are in accordance with Eastern Star jurisprudence, and recommend that they be approved.

We recommend that the appointment of deputies made by him be approved.

That his edict of April 23, 1885, withdrawing recognition of this General Grand Chapter from the Grand Chapter of Mississippi be approved.

That his recognition of the Grand Chapter of Texas be approved.

Your committee would most respectfully recommend—

1. That all the deputies appointed by the M. W. Grand Patron, be Brothers.

2. We further recommend that each deputy to whom is given general powers have a specified jurisdiction assigned him.

Your committee regret to learn from our M. W. Grand Matron's address, that in one Grand Jurisdiction acknowledging allegiance to this General Grand Chapter, unmarried ladies under eighteen years of age are made members of our Order, in violation of that clause of our Ritual whi h says, "Who have attained the age of eighteen years."

The following question was asked the M. W. Grand Matron:

Can a Grand Matron hold an office in the General Grand Chapter who holds no membership in any Subordinate Chapter. She answers, no. We recommend that her decision be approved.

All of which is respectfully submitted by your committee,

BENJAMIN LYNDS, Chairman,
ELIZABETH BUTLER,
HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK.

On motion of Brother E. W. Roberts, it was

Resolved, That the Committee on Ritual be and they are hereby instructed to prepare and report to the General Grand Chapter at the next session, a form suitable for the installation of the officers of the General Grand Chapter, and that said committee shall also report a form, style and pattern of regalia and other distinctive insigna for each of such officers.

Brother John R. Parson submitted the following, which, on motion of Brother W. H. Smythe, was concurred in:

TO THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER:

Your Committee on Diplomas would respectfully report that in view of the fact that some States have adopted a diploma and that members who desire them can obtain diplomas of different styles, quality and price, and in view of the fact that there is a great diversity of opinion as to which is the most appropriate design, therefore we deem it inexpedient for this General Grand Chapter to adopt or recommend any particular diploma.

Courteously,

JOHN R. PARSON,
F. E. WINNING,
MARY C. SNEDDEN.

Brother Rollin C. Gaskill then submitted the following, which was unanimously adopted by a rising vote:

It is with feeling of deepest sorrow and regret that at this fifth meeting of the General Grand Chapter we find our West draped in mourning in token of the loss of our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Sister Lucinda Smith, Past Grand Matron of New Jersey. Although many present had not the privilege of a personal acquaintance with Sister Smith, we feel assured that they will unite their sympathies with that of those more highly favored, as her devotions to our beautiful Order, her labor for its success, and all those commendable qualities which rendered her worthy of the important and honorable positions to which she was promoted, as well as her own individual virtues, were known to all. We therefore submit the following:

Resolved, That in the death of our Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, we feel that our beloved Order has lost a valued and efficient helper in the promotion of its interests and establishment of its truths. Her zeal in the cause has endeared her to all its members. We do most heartily sympathize with New Jersey in her great loss, in one whose individual virtues and devotions to the building up of the Order in that State resulted in her elevation to the highest position in her gift. To her family we lovingly record our deepest and tenderest sympathies, pointing them to the Great Father, who, knowing the end from the beginning, doeth all things well.

ELIZABETH BUTLER,
LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
R. C. GASKILL.

On motion of Brother J. S. Conover, so much of the M. W. Grand Matron's address as refers to the petition for a charter for Seattle, Washington Territory, was approved, and it was ordered that a charter be issued in accordance with such petition.

On motion of Brother T. R. Ercanbrack, it was unaimously

Resolved, That we hereby give most hearty thanks to the Grand Chapter of Missouri and the officers thereof, to all the members of our Order residing in St. Louis, for the hearty greeting extended to all of us and the bountiful hospitality provided for us.

Resolved, That we also express our grateful appreciation of the favors afforded us by Mr. Monk, the owner of the property known as 1404 Pine street, who through his agents, James E. Kaine & Bros., permitted us to use said property as our headquarters during this triennial session free of all charge; and that we shall long remember the happy associations connected with our pleasant headquarters.

Resolved, That we also thank St. Louis Commandery, No. 1, for the pleasant entertainment afforded us last evening.

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to Mr. Monk.

On motion of Sister A. E. Douglas, the R. W. Grand Secretary was appointed a committee of one to procure jewels for the use of this general Grand Chapter.

The minutes of to-day's session were read and approved.

On motion of Brother R. C. Gaskill, the M. W. Grand Patron was authorized to appoint deputies to install the officers of this body who have not already been installed.

On motion the General Grand Chapter was then closed.

MARY A. FLINT,
M. W. Grand Matron.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

ATTEST:

Willis S. Engle

M. W. Grand Secretary.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	Active Chapters.	Active Members
Arkansas	Oct. 2, 1876	38	1,184
California	May 8, 1873	74	4,512
Connecticut	Aug. 11, 1874	18	1,459
Illinois	Nov. 6, 1875	61	3,089
Indiana	May 6, 1874	32	1,618
Iowa	July 30, 1878	45	1,786
Kansas	Oct. 18, 1876	37	1,877
Massachusetts	Dec. 11, 1876	16	1,134
Michigan	Oct. 31, 1867	20	1,073
Missouri	Oct. 13, 1875	18	1,052
Nebraska	June 22, 1875	9	385
New Jersey	July 18, 1870	7	426
New York	Nov. 3, 1870	24	1,247
Ontario	May 3, 1882	. . . .	. . . .
Texas	May 5, 1884	13	390
Vermont	June 3, 1874	15	753
General Grand Chapter	Nov. 16, 1876	54	2,580
Total		481	24,565

—IN MEMORIAM—

MRS. LUCINDA SMITH

RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

AND

PAST GRAND MATRON

OF THE

GRAND CHAPTER OF NEW JERSEY,

DIED AT NEWARK, NEW JERSEY, MAY 13TH, 1885,
AGED 49 YEARS.

AN EARNEST AND ZEALOUS WORKER, WHOM THE ORDER WILL MISS AND MOURN.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

ADDRESSES OF GRAND OFFICERS

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Most Worth Grand Matron, Mrs Mary A. Flint, San Juan, California.
Most Worthy Grand Patron, Jefferson S. Conover, Coldwater, Michigan.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Rev. Willis D. Engle, Indianapolis, Ind.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Rosa Perry, Cabot.
Grand Patron, Rev. G. A. Dannelly, Auvergne.
Grand Secretary, W. B. Massey, Mt. Vernon.

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Grand Patron, J. M. Page, Naugatuck.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Frances R. Martin, New Haven.

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Grand Matron, Mrs. Sopha C. Scott, Mattoon.
Grand Patron, John E. Pettibone, Chicago.
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Grand Patron, George C. Dorland, Laporte.
Grand Secretary, William H. Smythe, Indianapolis.

IOWA.

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Grand Patron, Sabert M. Casey, Fort Madison.
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Grand Matron, Mrs. Emma W. Port, Beloit.
Grand Patron, J. Ira Brown, Lawrence.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Myra Mottram, Ottawa.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Eva J. Perry, Charlestown.
Grand Patron, Joseph W. Hill, Charlestown.
Grand Secretary, Daniel Seagrave, Worcester.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron. Mrs. M. C Griswold, Middleville.
Grand Patron, J. S. Conover, Coldwater.
Grand Secretary, Travers Phillips, Hastings.

MISSOURI.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Annie F. Goodrich, Cameron.
Grand Patron, H. M. Pettit, M. D., Carrollton.
Grand Secretary, John R. Parson, St. Louis.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. C. Thompson, Ashland.
Grand Patron, F. E. Winning, Omaha.
Grand Secretary, Rev. H. A. Guild, Lincoln.

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Grand Patron, Rev. Perry Hawkins, Queen City.
Grand Secretary, J. K. Ashby, Fort Worth.

VERMONT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Flora E. Haviland, Danville.
Grand Patron, Wm. G. McClintock, Morrisville.
Grand Secretary, H. L. Stillson, Bennington.

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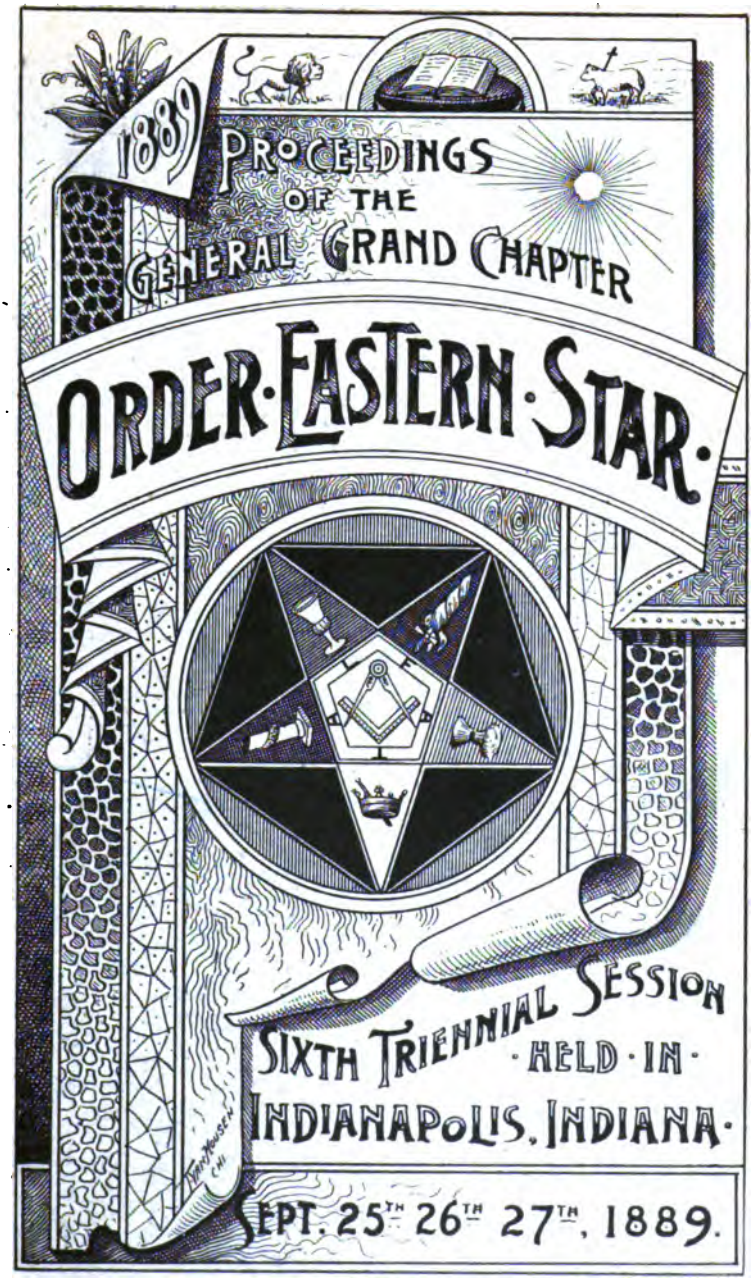
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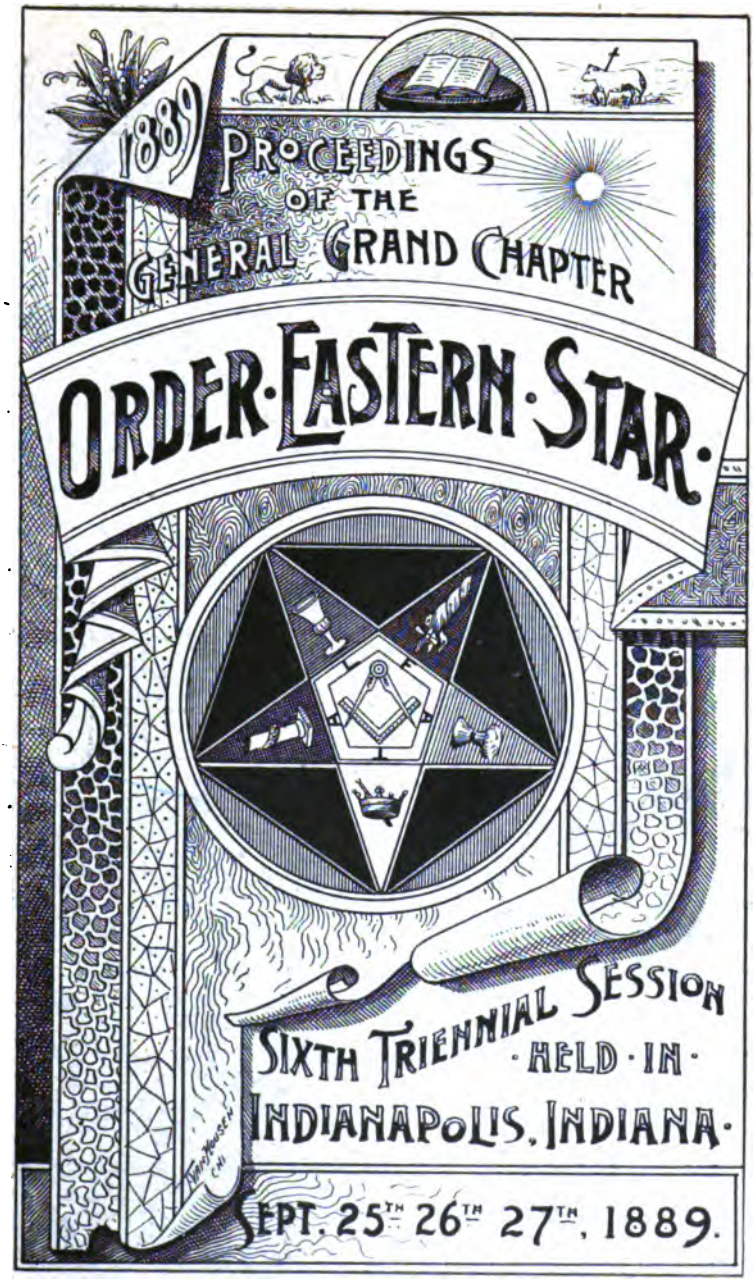
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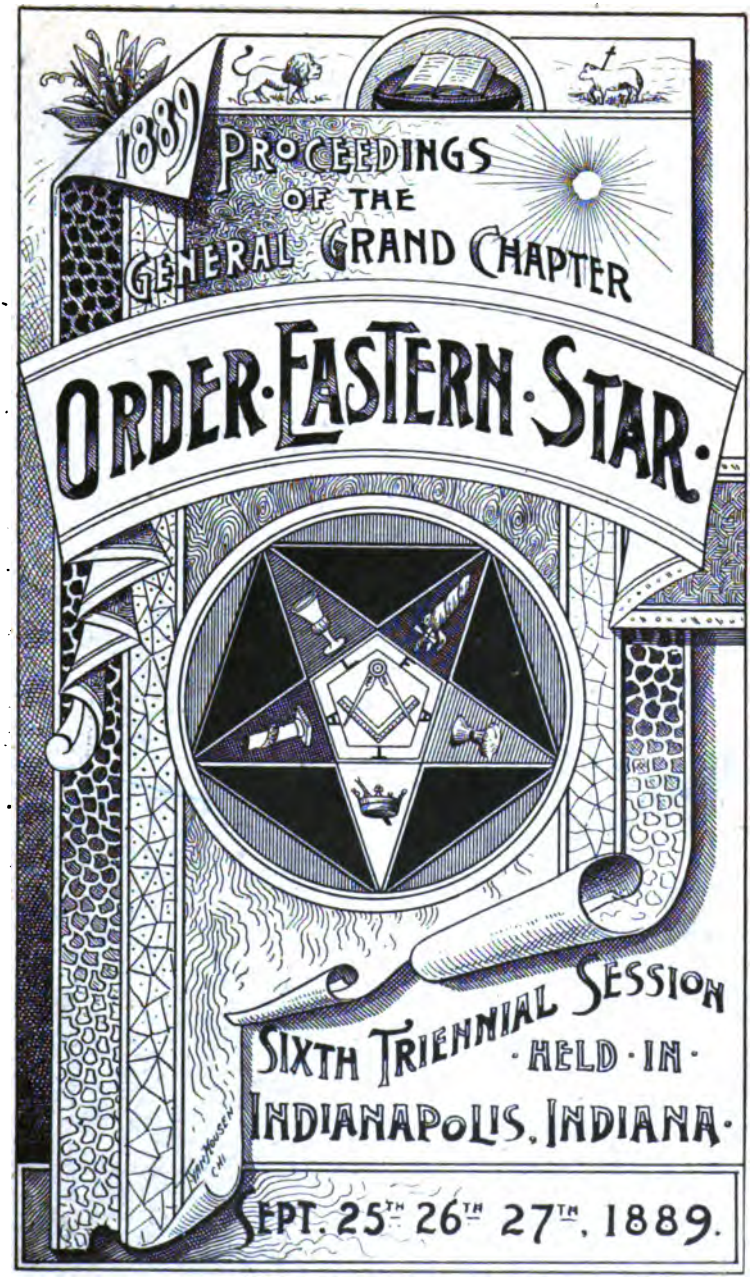
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OFFICERS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

1889-1892.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD, P. G. M., Indianapolis, Indiana, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

BENJAMIN LYNDS, P. G. P., St. Louis, Missouri, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN, P. G. M., Kansas City, Kansas, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

JAMES R. DONNELL, P. G. P., Greenbrier, Arkansas, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, P. G. M., Chicago, Illinois, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK, P. G. M., Anamosa, Iowa, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

ROBERT T. KING, P. G. P., Columbus, Ohio, Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.

MRS. A. A. MATTESON, P. G. M., Middleville, Michigan, Worthy Grand Conductress.

MRS. R. EMILY LITTLE, Charleston, Massachusetts, Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE, P. G. M., Oakland, California, Worthy Grand Adah.

MRS. MARY E. COOPER, P. G. M., Zumbrota, Minnesota, Worthy Grand Ruth.

MRS. EMILY J. SCOTT, P. G. M., Osceola, Nebraska, Worthy Grand Esther.

MRS. LIZZIE HADLEY, P. G. M., San Antonia, Texas, Worthy Grand Martha.

MRS. HELEN EDMISTON, Dayton, Washington Territory, Worthy Grand Electa.

MRS. MAY H. MONKS, Watertown, South Dakota, Worthy Grand Warder.

MRS. SARAH W. BURNS, Indianapolis, Indiana, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

JOHN RENNIE, Lehigh, Indian Territory, Worthy Grand Marshal.

PROCEEDINGS.

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in the Sixth Triennial Session in Masonic Temple, in the City of Indianapolis, on Wednesday, September 25, A. D. 1889, at 10:45 A. M., and was called to order by Mrs. Mary A. Flint, M. W. Grand Matron.

GRAND OFFICERS PRESENT.

MRS. MARY A. FLINT, M. W. Grand Matron.
JEFFERSON S. CONOVER, M. W. Grand Patron.
MRS. MARY E. MOUNT, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
BENJAMIN LYNDS, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
REV. WILLIS D. ENGLE, R. W. Grand Secretary.
MRS. JENNIE A. WALKER, W. Grand Conductress.
MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN, W. Grand Adah.
MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK, W. Grand Martha.
MRS. SARAH A. BURNES, W. Grand Sentinel.

Appointments to fill vacancies were made as follows:

WILLIAM MCCULLY, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
REV. LEWIS F. COLE, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
MRS. HATTIE E. PENN, W. Grand Associate Conductress.
MRS. SOPHA C. SCOTT, W. Grand Ruth.
MRS. LOTTIE E. YOUNG, W. Grand Esther.
MRS SARAH L. MARSH, W. Grand Electa.
MRS. CARRIE M. FANNING, W. Grand Warder.
EDWIN DAVIS, W. Grand Marshal.

The Warder's station, made vacant by death, was appropriately draped.

ADDRESS OF WELCOME.

Mrs. Mary E. Mason, Grand Matron of Indiana, was introduced by Martin H. Rice, Chairman of the Entertainment Committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of Indiana, who welcomed those present as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

I feel that I am honored, inasmuch as it falls to my lot to welcome you, as from all jurisdictions you gather here for the Sixth Triennial Session of this General Grand Chapter. Most cordially I extend to you, one and all, a warm fraternal greeting, and trust the time spent here with us will be prosperous and harmonious; that no discord may arise to mar the pleasure of this session; that after the years roll by and we live in the past, as we shall by-and-by, memory may recall this gathering as one of the pleasures too bright to be forgotten.

Three years have come and gone freighted with joys and sorrows, and we know that we are not permitted to come together without some vacant chairs or loss of dear ones. Bro. Robert Morris, the founder of our Order, whose name is loved and honored throughout the length and breadth of our land, among the Masonic fraternity, has been called up higher—not dead, but fully alive to the joys of eternity. His place we can not hope to fill, and we realize, as year after year passes, that this is what we ought most to prepare ourselves for.

Among the General Grand Chapter Officers we learn with regret of the loss of two; and many through all the jurisdictions mourn the loss of their loved ones.

These occasions are not for pleasure alone; there is a graver side to the question. Responsibilities that we cannot shirk, if we would, rest upon all of us, who, seeing the beautiful Star, humbly come to worship him.

Most of us meet to-day for the first time, most probably also for the last, yet the bond between us is so strong that though we separate from east to west, or north to south, our sympathies are for each other and no other people can be to us the same. Sooner than we know or think, we may meet where through the years of God's eternity we shall never separate. May you, as the highest authority

of this Order we so dearly love, be governed by justice, wisdom and prudence. May your decisions prove to be for our best good. May no selfishness or unkindness have a part in your deliberations. In all affairs of this session, may you be governed by unselfish loyalty to the welfare of those over whom you are placed.

Again let me bid you welcome, thrice welcome, and as we separate and return to our homes, may we realize how pleasant and profitable it was for us to have met here. And may he, who watches over even the sparrows, have you in his keeping, comfort you in your troubles and sorrows, and at last guide your feet safely over the waters to that city not made with hands.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron for the General Grand Chapter, accepted the welcome in a very beautiful manner.*

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported that a majority of the Grand Chapters composing the General Grand Chapter, were represented.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron proceeded to open in short form. Rev. Lewis F. Cole, acting as Very Worthy Grand Chaplain, invoked the divine blessing, and all united in singing "Blest Be the Tie that Binds."

By instruction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal made the proclamation that the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was duly open for the transaction of business.

Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews and Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. M. W. Grand Matrons, were invited to seats in the East.

On motion of Bro. George C. Dorland, the reading of the minutes of the last meeting was dispensed with.

On motion of Bro. Jefferson S. Conover, it was ordered that all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, Past Grand Matrons

* The Manuscript of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's reply did not reach the Grand Secretary, hence it does not appear.

and Past Grand Patrons of Grand Chapters, which are constituent members of this Grand Body, be admitted to seats and votes, upon evidence of their present good standing in the order.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—D. C. Young, James R. Donnell and Mrs. Mary E. Mason.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Mrs. Sarah L. Marsh, D. G. Burr, and Mrs. R. Emily Little.

Unfinished Business.—Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Edwin Davis and Mrs. Hattie E. Penn.

Jurisprudence.—Edward J. Church, Samuel L. C. Rhodes and Mrs. Sopha C. Scott.

Appeals and Grievances.—J. G. Holland, Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack and Mrs. A. A. Matteson.

Charters.—Martin H. Rice, Mrs. Mary J. Wash and Mrs. Lottie E. Young.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then read his address, as follows:

To the General Grand Chapter:

Another triple link, forged from the years by which we measure time, has been added to that ever-lengthening chain which makes up the mighty past, since we bade each other good-bye and God-speed, at the close of our last Triennial Session, and, looking forward over the years that spread out before us like a great picture, took up, each for himself, the duties that lay before. Then, we looked forward to labors to be performed and triumphs to be achieved in carrying on the work we had to do in our several stations in life; to-day we look over the same ground, but with a retrospective view. Then, our hearts beat high with hope over anticipated victories and successes, or shrunk in fear that the work laid out, and expected of us, was greater than we could do; now, we look backward over the same three years, perhaps

to find that the bright hopes then inspiring us, have proven delusions, or else that the obstacles which we fancied would impede our work, vanished as we really reached them.

As we gather here to-day, in our sixth stated meeting, coming from all parts of our land, to consult together upon matters of interest to our loved Order, let us not forget to devoutly give thanks to our Heavenly Father who has so kindly watched over and cared for us during the days and years since last we met under similar circumstances. To some of us, the years since then have brought little but joys and blessings, to others, alas, tears and sorrows. Let us devoutly thank God for those joys and blessings, and also cast all our sorrows upon him, who, in affliction, is ever a tender and loving comforter. Imploring his blessing upon us in our present meeting, and his guidance in all the work of this session, let us take up the work that is before us, in the spirit of love and good-will to all.

But while we meet here to-day under such pleasant auspices, and extend to each other the joyous greetings of the occasion, our hearts are saddened with the thought that our ranks have been broken since our last meeting. That death has invaded our grand jurisdiction, and some familiar forms and faces will greet us no more until we join them in that heavenly home to which they have preceded us. Death has knocked at both our outer and inner doors, and heeding not the challenge of our ever faithful Sentinel and Warder, touched both with his icy fingers and summoned them away. The venerable and dearly loved brother who gave to us this Order, has also gone to that heavenly home of which he loved to talk and write. As we drop a sympathic tear to their memories, let us heed the admonition, "Be ye also ready;" then when the summons shall come for us, be it sooner or later, we may look back upon a well-spent life, and die in the hope of a glorious immortality. So, with a spirit of sadness pervading the joy of our meeting, we take up the work that is before us.

For myself, called most unexpectedly at our last session to assume a high and very important station in our Order, and to take up the work which others had been carrying on in the past, I felt that the three years before me were to be years of great labor, and, as I looked over the field, the magnitude of the work to be done fairly appalled me. While appreciating the great honor you conferred upon me, in electing me to this high office, I entered upon its duties with many misgivings. Storms seemed to be gathering in our horizon, and I doubted my ability to safely pilot our good ship over the breakers on which she threatened to strand. The responsibilities

resting upon me were great, and the duties arduous, but having accepted at your hands the high office to which you called me, I determined to perform the duties thereof to the best of my ability, and I have endeavored to perform all my work as one who must give an account of his stewardship, and whatever work I have done for the Order, has been done solely for what seemed to me the best interests of the Order. That I have made mistakes, simply proves that I am human, and "none are perfect, no, not one." In all my official acts, I have been actuated by no motive save the good of the Order, and if, among those acts, any member of the Order finds cause for grievance, I can only say that not in a single act has a personal feeling been allowed to influence me. Whenever I have been called upon to take action upon any important question, I have consulted the highest authorities in our Order, as well as the best Masonic authority, before taking action.

And now, in accordance with custom and the requirements of our laws, I submit a record of my official acts. If, in my work during the past three years, you find that upon which you cannot put the stamp of your approval, remember that now is the time and here is the place to correct it, and if you shall see fit to reverse any act of mine, I shall, of course, acquiesce most cheerfully in your decision.

DEPUTIES.

Since the last meeting of the General Grand Chapter, I have appointed Deputies as follows:

October 1, 1886—Bro. Fred E. Winning, Omaha, Nebraska, to install Sister Mary E. Mount as Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron of this General Grand Chapter.

Bro. W. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, to install Bro. Wm. M. Black as Worthy Grand Sentinel.

Bro. A. B. Ashley, of Illinois, to install Sister Jennie A. Walker as Worthy Grand Conductress.

Bro. S. C. Chorlton, Columbus, Deputy for Ohio.

January 24, 1887—Bro. W. P. Conaway, Independence, Oregon, to organize Forest Grove Chapter, No. 10.

February 22, 1887—Bro. Edd. R. Hare, Tacoma, Washington Territory, to organize Fern Chapter.

March 14, 1887—Bro. D. H. Shaw, to organize Chapters in Washington Territory.

April 30, 1887 –Bro. H. B. Lighthizer, Phœnix, Arizona, to organize Alsap Chapter No. 3, at that place.

April 30, 1887 –Bro. Daniel Seagrave, Past Grand Patron, Massachusetts, to install Bro. Joseph W. Hill as Worthy Grand Marshall of the General Grand Chapter.

May 13, 1887—Bro. Albert Smith, Webster, Dakota, to organize Chapter at that place.

August 29, 1887 –J. W. Cloes, Jamestown, Dakota, to organize Chapter at that place.

November 11, 1887—Bro. D. Webster Coxe, to organize Chapter at Pittston, Pennsylvania.

December 6, 1887 – Bro. M. A. Murphy, to organize Chapters in Nevada.

February 3, 1888– Bro. D. Webster Coxe, Pittston, Pennsylvania, to organize Chapters in Pennsylvania.

February 4, 1888– Bro. R. Sedan, St. Lawrence, Dakota, to organize Chapter in that place.

March 16, 1888– Bro. Matthew P. Stroupe, Aberdeen, Dakota, to organize Minerva Chapter No. 10, at that place.

Bro. J. M. Thomas, Deputy for Maryland and District of Columbia.

Bro. Nicholas Fretz, Deputy for Montana.

April 3, 1888– Bro. J. V. Brown, Duke Center, Pennsylvania, to organize Keystone Chapter, at that place.

April 20, 1888 – Bro. Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Deputy for Louisiana.

Rev. Bro. M. H. Murphy, East Las Vegas, Deputy for New Mexico.

May 18, 1888—Bro. J. E. Edmiston, to organize Chapters in Washington Territory.

June 5, 1888—Bro. C. H. Keller, Gainesville, Texas, to organize Lone Grove Chapter No. 6, at Lone Grove, Indian Territory.

July 13, 1888 –J. Guthrie Savage, Flagstaff, Arizona, to organize Mount Frisco Chapter No. 4, at that place.

August 13, 1888—Bro. H. L. Becraft, Pocatello, Idaho, to organize Ruth Chapter No. 3, at that place.

June 2, 1888—Rev. C. J. Hendley, Lancaster, New Hampshire, to organize Olive Branch Chapter No. 1, at that place.

January 5, 1889—Bro. J. Guthrie Savage, Flagstaff, Arizona, to organize Chapters in Arizona Territory.

March 13, 1889—Rev. Willis D. Engle, Indianapolis, to install Sister Sarah W. Burns, Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter.

April 6, 1889—Bro. Rufus C. Hatheway, Past Grand Patron, Grand Rapids, Michigan, to organize Chapters in the State of Wisconsin.

April 22, 1889—Bro. P. H. Morgan, to organize Walnut Grove Chapter, at Walnut Grove, Indian Territory.

May 15, 1889—Bro. P. B. Arthur, to organize Zion Chapter No. 8, at Leon, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

May 25, 1889—Bro. DeWitt Clinton Dawkins, Deputy to organize Chapters in Florida.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

December 4, 1886—Authorized a charter to be issued to Pearl Chapter No. 2, at Cleveland, Ohio. Organized by S. C. Chorlton, Deputy for Ohio.

January 20, 1887—Authorized charter to Bucyrus Chapter No 3, Bucyrus, Ohio.

January 24, 1887—Forest Grove Chapter No. 10, Forest Grove, Washington County, Oregon.

February 22, 1887—Fern Chapter No. 7, Tacoma, Washington Territory.

April 27, 1887—Ruby Chapter No. 4, Chardon, Ohio.

April 30, 1887—Alsap Chapter No. 3, Phœnix, Arizona.

May 13, 1887—Flora Chapter No. 11, Webster, Day County, Dakota.

August 29, 1887—Lady Washington Chapter No. 8, Jamestown, Dakota.

September 19, 1887—Naomi Chapter No. 5, Prairie City, Indian Territory.

November 11, 1887—Wyoming Chapter No. 1, Pittston, Pennsylvania.

December 2, 1887—Henrietta Chapter No. 8, Sprague, Washington Territory.

March 8, 1888—Minerva Chapter No. 10, Aberdeen, Dakota.

April 3, 1888—Eureka Chapter No. 2, Duke Center, McKean County, Pennsylvania.

April 3, 1888—Adah Chapter No. 1, Biddeford, York County, Maine.

May 22, 1888—Esther Chapter No. 3, Townsend, Montana Territory.

May 28, 1888—Olive Branch Chapter No. 1, Lancaster, New Hampshire.*

June 1, 1888—Esther Chapter No. 11, at Baker City, Oregon.

June 13, 1888—Overcome Chapter No. 2, Bowdoinham, Maine.

July 5, 1888—Lone Grove Chapter No. 6, Lone Grove, Indian Territory.

July 13, 1888—Mount Frisco Chapter No. 4, at Flagstaff, Arizona.

August 13, 1888—Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello, Idaho.

November 2, 1888—Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton, New Mexico.

February 11, 1889—Madison Chapter, No. 11, Madison, Dakota.

March 15, 1889—Zion Chapter No. 8, Leon, Chickasaw Nation, Indian Territory.

March 18, 1889—Iona Chapter No. 5, Eaton, Preble County, Ohio.

April 22, 1889—Walnut Grove Chapter No. 9, Walnut Grove, Indian Territory.

May 25, 1889—Union Chapter No. 2, DeKoven, Kentucky.

September 19, 1889—Eureka Chapter No. 2, Colebrook, New Hampshire.

CHARTERS RESTORED.

May 13, 1887—On petition of nineteen members, and a pledge of earnest work in the future, and believing that the interests of the

* This charter was issued without charge in exchange for an old Macoy Charter under which the Chapter has been working for several years.

Order would be advanced thereby, I restored the charter of Evergreen Chapter No. 1, at Goldendale, Washington Territory, said charter having been arrested on March 15, 1884.

CHARTERS REVOKED.

April 20, 1887—For violation of pledges given to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and openly and wilfully refusing to conform to edict, I revoked the charter of Constellation Chapter No. 18, St. Paul, Minnesota, and instructed the Worthy Matron to forward the same to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Silver Spray Chapter No. 5, Washington Territory, having failed to pay dues or make returns to the General Grand Chapter, for several years, on the 25th day of March, 1889, I revoked the charter of that Chapter, and instructed Brother Shaw, Deputy, to take charge of the charter, seal, records, etc., and forward them to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

CHARTERS REFUSED.

Early in the spring of 1888, I received a request for a charter for a Chapter at Lockport, New York. I declined to grant it, referring the brother to the Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New York, as the proper person to whom to make application.

I am firmly of the opinion that this General Grand Chapter, should never, *in any case*, invade the jurisdiction of a Grand Chapter not owning allegiance to this Grand Body. Only by cultivating friendly, and not antagonistic relations with such Grand Bodies, can we ever hope to see a complete union of the entire Order, and the rights of these Grand Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, must be respected, the same as Grand Chapters forming constituent parts of this General Grand Chapter.

CHANGE OF NAME OF CHAPTERS.

May 23, 1887—By request of the Chapter, I confirmed the changing of the name of Flora Chapter, Webster, Dakota, to Lois Chapter, and on January 5, 1889, authorized the name of Overcome Chapter No. 2, Bowdoinham, Maine, to be changed to Electa Chapter No. 2.

REMOVAL OF CHAPTER.

October 14, 1887—Granted permission to Savanna Chapter No. 4, to remove from Savanna, Indian Territory, to Lehigh, in the same Territory, good and sufficient reasons being given therefor.

DISPENSATIONS.

It being shown to me, that the ruling of the General Grand Chapter, requiring the initiation fee to be not less than five dollars, would work a hardship upon, and be detrimental to Chehalis Chapter No. 3, Chehalis, Washington Territory, I issued them a special dispensation on April 30, 1887, suspending the operation of that rule in their case, until the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

May 9, 1888—I granted special dispensations to Aurora Chapter, at Ironwood, Michigan, and to H. C. Kimball Chapter, at Iron Mountain, Michigan, to receive petitions and confer the degrees of the order upon persons residing in the State of Wisconsin, and within twenty miles of those Chapters, there being no Chapters in Wisconsin, and those Chapters being located very near the boundary line between the two States.

September 13, 1889—Granted dispensation to Coldwater Chapter, No. 3, Coldwater, Michigan, to receive the petition, and confer the degrees of the Order upon Mrs. Annie A. Backhouse, of Ontario, in the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

I have granted dispensations to the following Chapters, to elect or install officers at other times than as provided by By-Laws, good reasons therefor being given in every case.

Constellation Chapter No. 18, St. Paul, Minnesota.
O-ho-yo-hom-ma Chapter No. 1, Indian Territory.
Adah Chapter No. 4, Reno, Nevada.
Beulah Chapter No. 6, Coquelle, Oregon.
Evergreen Chapter No. 3, Madison, Dakota.
Savanna Chapter No. 4, Lehigh, Indian Territory.
Rainbow Chapter No. 2, Dayton, Washington Territory.
Ruby Chapter No. 3, Chardon, Ohio.
Minerva Chapter No. 10, Aberdeen, Dakota.
Lois Chapter No. 7, Webster, Dakota.

REQUESTS REFUSED.

Members of the Order in Winchester, New Hampshire, asked for a charter without charge, on the ground that they had a Chapter there fifteen years previously.

I declined to grant their request, holding that the fact of the existence of a Chapter at that place fifteen years before, *under some other authority*, would not warrant the General Grand Chapter giving them a charter without the usual fee.

A Worthy Matron asks me to grant a special dispensation to her Chapter, allowing them "to adopt such member badge as they shall desire, or else to discontinue the use of a badge."

Not believing that I had any jurisdiction over this matter, I declined to grant the request, but suggested that they submit some form of suitable badge to me, and I would bring it before the General Grand Chapter. I have heard nothing more from there, but knowing that very many Chapters are dissatisfied with the badge as provided in Ritual, several other styles being in use, I commend this matter to your attention and recommend some suitable action thereon.

The Grand Patron of Arkansas, asked for authority to organize Chapters in Indian Territory, to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Arkansas.

I did not grant the request.

Pucaunla Chapter, No. 3, Colbert, Indian Territory, asked permission to change their By-Laws, so as to hold their election in June, instead of December, as provided in Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters.

Doubting my authority so to do, I declined to grant their request.

MINNESOTA MATTERS.

At the last session of the General Grand Chapter, the condition of the Order of the Eastern Star affairs in Minnesota absorbed much attention, and the adjustment of the difficulties there existing, was placed in the hands of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, by the following resolution, found on page 45, proceedings of 1886:

Resolved, That in his edict of withdrawal of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, the Most Worthy Grand Patron was justified by the exigencies of the case, and this General Grand Chapter confirms his action.

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Patron be authorized to call a convention of all the Chapters in Minnesota, claiming to work under the authority of both the so-called Grand Chapters of that State, and that he, in person or by deputy, proceed to that convention and organize a new Grand Chapter, consisting of all the Chapters willing to become members of this new Grand Chapter, and that no other body but the one thus organized be recognized by this General Grand Chapter.

In accordance with this resolution, on October 21st, following, I issued the following call for such a convention, and sent copies thereof to all Chapters in Minnesota:

COLDWATER, MICH., October 21, 1886.

By order of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, there will be a convention of Minnesota Chapters, held at Khurum Hall, No. 252 First Avenue South, in the city of Minneapolis, at one o'clock P. M., November 3, 1886, at which time and place the Most Worthy Grand Patron will be present, and everything possible done to harmonize differences now existing in our order in that State. I hope your Chapter will be represented by its proper officers, and also that as many as possible of your members may be present, that *all* may be fully persuaded that this meeting is for *peace* and not for contention. The design is to find and establish a common basis, upon which *all* can unite and work in harmony, and I most sincerely hope that your Chapter will be represented.

In the spirit of peace and good-will to all,

I am, fraternally yours,

J. S. CONOVER,

M. W. Grand Patron.

Protests against holding such convention came to me in such numbers that I was convinced that only three or four Chapters would attend, and therefore, a few days prior to the date named, I canceled the call, and so notified all Chapters interested.

In the month of March, following, I visited that State, and called together the representative officers of the Chapters, for a conference. At this conference, ten of the twelve Chapters of the State, were represented. Finding it utterly impossible to get more than three Chapters to consent to attend a convention, I directed all Chapters holding charters from the General Grand Chapter, to renew their allegiance to the old Grand Chapter of Minnesota, they retaining all official rights and honors they had acquired in their own Chapters, giving them ninety days to make application to that Grand Chapter for charters, and after the expiration of that time, I issued the following circular and edict, and instructed the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to print and distribute them to the Order:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,
COLDWATER, MICH., June 25, 1887.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the
Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

On the 11th day of August, 1885, Bro. R. C. Gaskill, then Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, for reasons which he deemed sufficient, issued an edict severing the relations previously existing between the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota, and declared "its existence, *as a part of the General Grand Chapter*, terminated." On the 11th day of December in the same year, he appointed Solomon I. Wing as his Special Deputy to organize new Chapters in that State. The Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary issued charters to four new Chapters organized by said Special Deputy in that State, and in May, 1886, said four Chapters

with Minneapolis Chapter No. 9, then under suspension by the original Grand Chapter, met and organized themselves into a Grand Chapter, which, on the 28th day of July, 1886, was formally recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Bro. R. C. Gaskill. At the last meeting of the General Grand Chapter at St. Louis, on September 23, 24 and 25, 1886, both these Grand Chapters were present by their representatives, but neither delegation was admitted as such. The Minnesota question was a rock on which the General Grand Chapter, at one time during the session, seemed likely to split, but after long discussion, as a compromise measure, the following resolutions were adopted:

Resolved, That in his edict of withdrawal of recognition of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, the Most Worthy Grand Patron was justified by the exigencies of the case, and this General Grand Chapter confirms that action.

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Patron be authorized to call a convention of all Chapters in Minnesota, claiming to work under the authority of both the so-called Grand Chapters, and that he, in person or by deputy, proceed to that convention and organize a new Grand Chapter, consisting of all the Chapters willing to become members of this new Grand Chapter, and that no other body but the one thus organized, be recognized by this General Grand Chapter.

Acting in accordance with these resolutions, I issued a call for such convention to be held in the city of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on the 3d day of November, 1886. Immediately thereafter, many members of the Order in both Grand Chapters, protested against such a course, denying the right of any person or body of persons, save the Chapters interested, to form a Grand Chapter, such power being inherent in the subordinate Chapters themselves. Ascertaining beyond doubt that but few Chapters would participate in such a convention, I canceled the call a few days before the date named In March, 1887, I visited the State of Minnesota for the purpose of adjusting matters if possible, and on March 25, 1887, had a conference with officers and representative members from ten of the twelve Chapters in that State. Nearly all continued to protest as before, against any convention looking to the formation of a new Grand Chapter as per resolution of the General Grand Chapter, promising, as a *sure* result of such a course, three Grand Chapters instead of one or two. Only three Chapters would consent to go into such convention and abide by the result. As the laws of the General Grand Chapter require at least five Chapters to unite in forming a Grand Chapter, that course had of necessity to be abandoned. Finding that a turbulent few were determined that the organization effected in May, 1886, *must* be recognized by the General Grand Chapter, they threatening defiance to all authority that did not coincide with them, I determined upon the only plan I could find that was consistent with Masonic and Eastern Star law, and as the original Grand Chapter of that State had steadily maintained its existence and organization, I issued the following special order:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,

COLDWATER, MICH., MARCH 25, 1887.

To all Chapters of the Eastern Star in the State of Minnesota — Greeting:

Having been asked for some official decision, that may help to settle the existing difficulties in Eastern Star matters in your State, and having given the matter long and serious thought and study, I now make the following special order:

I direct all Chapters holding charters from the General Grand Chapter, to apply to Bro. Chas. A. Chapman, Mankato, Minnesota, the Grand Patron of the

old Grand Chapter, for new charters, and that he issue the same without cost, upon such application being made within ninety days from this date. The said Grand Chapter is also to confer upon the officers of such Chapters as affiliate with it by virtue of said General Grand Chapter Charters, the official honors and rights which they have acquired by virtue of their service as officers in such Chapters the same as if the same official service had been rendered in a Chapter under the immediate direction of the said Grand Chapter.

If, at the expiration of said ninety days, the said Grand Chapter, by its officers, shall have faithfully performed their part of these conditions, by receiving as constituent members of that body, and issuing charters to such Chapters as above named as apply for such exchange of charters, official proclamation will be made from this office, again recognizing the said Grand Chapter of Minnesota as a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter, and all Chapters in said State not yielding allegiance to it will be declared and published to the Eastern Star world as illegal and irregular.

The Chapters of the State of Minnesota will therefore take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter,
[SEAL.] this twenty-fifth day of March, 1887.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

The full limit of time named in said special order having now passed, and the said Grand Chapter of Minnesota, having faithfully performed all that was required of it in the premises,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jefferson S. Conover, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the General Grand Chapter, do hereby declare the Grand Chapter of Minnesota again restored to its former relation with the General Grand Chapter, and the said Grand Chapter is hereby recognized as again a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter, having full and complete jurisdiction over all Eastern Star matters in the State of Minnesota, except such matters as are in all cases reserved to the General Grand Chapter. And on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, I do now release direct jurisdiction and supervision over all the subordinate Chapters in that State in favor of said Grand Chapter.

All Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star throughout the world, will take due notice and govern themselves accordingly.

All Grand Secretaries will please forward a copy of this circular and edict to each subordinate Chapter in their respective jurisdictions, immediately upon receipt thereof, and it will be read in each Chapter at the first meeting after being received.

Witness my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, this
[SEAL] twenty-fifth day of June, A D. 1887.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

I am informed that those Chapters which had not been identified with that Grand Chapter, have refused to comply with this edict, thus violating the solemn pledges given to this General Grand Chapter when charters were granted them, each person signing an application for a charter therein expressly binding himself or herself to "conform to the edicts of the Most Worthy Grand Patron." Instead of conforming to the edict of that officer in this case, they have set themselves up as *the* Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and through the press, and by scattering circulars to the public in great numbers, attacking the Most Worthy Grand Patron and defying his authority.

I thus place the record of my action in this matter before you. I do not ask you to sustain that action unless you find it right, but I can see no way possible to settle this matter legally in any other manner than the plan upon which I have acted.

I commend this matter to your most careful consideration, recommending that whatever action you may take upon it, be positive and unequivocal, that the question may be forever settled.

My action in this case was governed by no personal feelings of any kind toward any one, but solely by a firm belief, which has been strengthened with the lapse of time, that my course was both *right* and strictly in accordance with our laws, and it was no small gratification to receive a letter from our late Brother, Patriarch Robert Morris, entirely unsolicited, upon this subject, in which he says, "I think you have done your part in a way that will secure you the approval of the Craft, and especially the General Grand Chapter in 1889."

GRAND CHAPTERS RECOGNIZED.

Besides the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, notice of whose recognition is given under head of Minnesota matters, I have issued edicts of recognition of Grand Chapters as follows:

GRAND CHAPTER OF WASHINGTON.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,
COLDWATER, MICH., March 26, 1889.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, a constitutional number of Chapters in Washington Territory has organized a Grand Chapter, adopted a Constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jefferson S. Conover, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, do declare the said Grand Chapter of Washington to be duly and regularly organized, and I hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Washington, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, the day and year above written.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER OF OHIO.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,

COLDWATER, MICH., August 8, 1889.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star — Greeting:

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Ohio, holding charters from the General Grand Chapter, did, according to previous call, assemble by their legal representatives, in the City of Cleveland, in said State, on the 24th day of July, 1889, and there adopted a Constitution and By-Laws (which have been duly approved), organized the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and elected and installed officers of the same in a regular and lawful manner.

THEREFORE, I, Jefferson S. Conover, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, do declare the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of the State of Ohio, to be legally organized, and, on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, I do recognize the said Grand Chapter of Ohio as a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter, having supreme authority in all Eastern Star matters within the limits of the State of Ohio, except in so far as they are constitutionally reserved to this Genefal Grand Chapter.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER OF INDIAN TERRITORY.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,

COLDWATER, MICH., August 19, 1889.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star — Greeting:

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, of the Indian Territory, holding charters from the General Grand Chapter did, according to previous call, assemble by their legal representatives, in the town of Atoka, Indian Territory, on the 11th day of July, 1889, and did there adopt a Constitution and Code of Laws (which have been duly approved), and organize a Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, and elect and install the officers thereof in a lawful manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jefferson S. Conover, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do declare the said Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory to be a legally organized body, and, on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, I do hereby recognize the said Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory as a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter, having supreme authority in all Eastern Star matters within the limits of said Territory, except in so far as they are constitutionally reserved to the General Grand Chapter.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER OF SOUTH DAKOTA.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,
COLDWATER, MICH., September 12, 1889.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters,
Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, On July 10, 1889, a constitutional number of Chapters in the jurisdiction of South Dakota, organized a Grand Chapter, adopted a Constitution, regular and proper, and duly approved, and elected and installed officers in a lawful manner;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jefferson S. Conover, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, do declare the Grand Chapter of South Dakota to be duly and regularly organized, and on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, I hereby recognize said Grand Chapter of South Dakota as a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter, and having supreme authority in all Order of the Eastern Star matters in that jurisdiction, except in so far as they are constitutionally reserved to the General Grand Chapter.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

ONTARIO.

August 8, 1889—I issued the following edict regarding the defunct Grand Chapter of Ontario:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,
COLDWATER, MICH., August 8, 1889.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

WHEREAS, The General Grand Chapter, at its last session, instructed the Most Worthy Grand Patron to take such action regarding the dormant Grand Chapter of Ontario, as in his judgment seemed best; and,

WHEREAS, The said Grand Chapter and all its subordinate Chapters ceased to exist several years ago;

THEREFORE, I, Jefferson S. Conover, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, having directed the return of all Rituals and supplies remaining in that province, to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, do proclaim the Grand Chapter of Ontario no longer in existence, and on behalf of the General Grand Chapter, I assume control of all Eastern Star matters in that jurisdiction.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Since our last session, the Grand Chapter of New Jersey has again withdrawn from the General Grand Chapter. The only official notice I have received of this action is a copy of the proceedings of that Grand Chapter, containing a record of that action.

New Jersey was one of the five Grand Chapters represented in the convention that organized this General Grand Chapter. Her representatives have repeatedly been honored with positions of honor and trust in this Grand Body. In 1880 she withdrew from allegiance to this General Grand Chapter, but subsequently reversed this action and again became an honored member of this Central Body. For reasons best known to herself, she has again chosen to sever the relations she sustained towards us, and withdrawn from us. While we deprecate this seeming fickleness on the part of that Grand Chapter, let us hope that she will again come back, and stay.

DISTINGUISHED DEAD.

August 19, 1887, Bro. William M. Black, Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter, was removed by death, and I caused the following official notice to be promulgated through the Right Worthy Grand Secretary:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,
August 24, 1887.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

With feelings of profound sorrow we announce the death of our venerable Brother, William M. Black, Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter, which occurred at his home, in Indianapolis, on the 19th instant, from paralysis, at the age of seventy-six years. His mortal body was laid to rest in Crown Hill Cemetery by Marion Lodge No. 85, Free and Accepted Masons, of which he was a member; Raper Commandery No. 1, Knights Templar, acting as escort, and Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, Order of the Eastern Star, attending in a body.

Bro. Black has been a member of the Order of the Eastern Star from its first organized existence in Indianapolis, April 4, 1872, and from that time until his death he was the faithful Sentinel of that Chapter. He had also been Grand Sentinel of the Grand Chapter of Indiana from its organization, May 6, 1874, to his death, and Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter ever since it has had an existence. He had also for many years faithfully guarded the doors of *all* the Grand Masonic Bodies of Indiana, and was held in very high esteem by the fraternity in that State.

Bro. Black was a consistent member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. Having been faithful to all trusts reposed in him, he has been called up higher, to receive the reward promised to all those who are faithful.

Let us emulate the virtues of our departed brother, and cherish his memory in our hearts, trusting that "in the sweet bye-and-bye" he will welcome us to that heavenly home to which he has preceded us.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.
MARY A. FLINT,
M. W. Grand Matron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

June 8, 1889, Sister Elizabeth Davis, Worthy Grand Warder of the General Grand Chapter, died at her home in Omaha, and I caused the following announcement to be made to the Order:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,
COLDWATER, MICHIGAN, June 22, 1889.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

For the second time during this triennial term, death has knocked at the door of the General Grand Chapter, and another one of our Grand Officers has been called from earthly labor to heavenly refreshment.

Sister Elizabeth Davis, Worthy Grand Warder of the General Grand Chapter, died at her home in Omaha, Nebraska, on the 8th day of June, 1889. Sister Davis was Grand Matron of Nebraska in 1885-6. She was a devoted member of the Order, and ever faithful to the trusts reposed in her.

While we drop the sympathetic tear to her memory, let us emulate her virtues, and with trustful faith look forward to a joyful re-union with her, and others gone before in that heavenly home. whose portals are so guarded that death can never enter.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.
MARY A. FLINT,
M. W. Grand Matron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

July 31, 1888, Bro. Robert Morris, the founder of our Order, was removed by death, and I sent the following notice of the mournful event, to the members of the Order throughout the world.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOVEMBER 16, 1876,

August 3, 1888.

To all Members of the Order of the Eastern Star:

Once more the grim reaper, death, has wielded the sickle; this time gathering into the great garner of eternity grain fully ripe. Our beloved friend, the venerable Patriarch of our Order, Robert Morris, has been called from this world, where his labor was so active, to that rest of Paradise of which he so loved to speak and write. He died of paralysis, at his home in Lagrange, Kentuckey, on Tuesday, July 31st, aged seventy years.

Bro. Morris made Masonry his life-work and all members of the Order of the Eastern Star should especially cherish his memory, for to him we owe the very existence of our Order. His fertile brain, fluent tongue, and ready pen brought our Order into being, and sent it forth upon the grand mission in which it is now actively engaged.

Bro. Morris was made an honorary member of the General Grand Chapter in Chicago, on August 20, 1880. At the last meeting, at St. Louis, his words of wisdom were intently and reverently listened to. He has gone from our midst; but the mighty influences of his life and work, who can estimate? They cease not with his mortal life, but while he rests in the arms of the tender Saviour, whom he loved so well and so reverently worshiped, the ennobling influence of his work shall be felt in an ever-widening circle as the years roll on; and wherever the Order of the Eastern Star shall be known, the name of Robert Morris shall be held in loving remembrance.

Let us emulate his virtues, his unfeigned piety and noble Christian character, and be guided in our lives by those pure principles which he enunciated, and which he learned from the teachings of the blessed Jesus.

It is requested that this letter be read in all Chapters at the first meeting after the receipt thereof, and that all the Chapter rooms and jewels be draped in mourning for the space of sixty days, in memory of our distinguished brother.

It is also suggested that Bro. Morris's birthday anniversary (August 31st), which was made the Festal Day of the Order, by action of the General Grand Chapter in 1880, be this year observed as a Memorial Day, by the Order generally, in such appropriate manner as may be found practicable by the different Chapters.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
M. W. Grand Patron.
MARY A. FLINT,
M. W. Grand Matron.

Attest:
WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

On May 1, 1889, Dr. S. C. Chorlton, Deputy for Ohio, died suddenly while attending to his regular daily work. Brother Chorlton had been a most enthusiastic friend of our Order, and had organized every Chapter in the State of Ohio, in the face of the most bitter opposition of the enemies of our Order. It had been his great ambition to see a Grand Chapter organized in that State, and he was in correspondence

with me, regarding the details of that work, at the time of his death. He was not permitted to witness the fulfillment of his hopes. He has gone, but other hands have taken up the work, and are building upon the foundation which he laid so well and so strong, and while the Order lasts in Ohio, the name of Bro. Chorlton will be held in grateful remembrance.

I have received no official notice of the facts, but am informed that several Grand Chapters have been visted by death during the present triennial term of this Body, and have lost some of their highest officers, those who were leaders of the Order in their respective jurisdictions, and whose loss will be sorely felt in their respective fields of labor. We extend to these Grand Chapters our most heartfelt sympathy, and trust that the zeal that inspired the workers who have been taken from them by death, may return into hearts and lives of their successors, and the work which they laid down, be taken up by other willing hands, and carried forward to a glorious future.

I recommend that suitable memorial pages be set apart in our printed proceedings, to the memory of these distinguished members of the Order.

DECISIONS.

Very many questions have been asked me during my term, which were plainly answered by the Constitution, and general laws of the Order. These I have answered by referring the parties to the law as laid down, and I do not consider it necessary to reproduce such questions here. The following decisions have been given by me since our last meeting.

QUESTION—Can persons who did not sign the petition for a charter be received as charter members at the organization of a Chapter?

ANSWER—It is the usual practice to receive as charter members, those only who signed the petition for charter, and yet the custom prevails to some extent, of admitting others as charter members. While I do not recommend such a course, I see nothing in the action of your Chapter in so admitting some members, that is in conflict with any existing law, and members so admitted, must be considered as legal members of the Order, and of your Chapter.

QUESTION—Can a legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason be received into the Order of the Eastern Star?

ANSWER—I think this question has never been decided by the General Grand Chapter. Several State Grand Chapters have declared such persons eligible, and I should decide that a legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason is elegible to the degrees of this Order?

QUESTION—A Chapter working under an old Macoy charter, was burned out and ceased to work. Some time afterward a new hall being built, a charter was secured from the General Grand Chapter, and *all* names of members of the old Chapter were transferred to the roll of the new Chapter. Some of these persons refuse to pay dues, claiming they never became members of the new Chapter. What should be done with them?

ANSWER—The original charter, which was destroyed by fire, having been from another Body than the General Grand Chapter, would clearly indicate, that on resuming work when a new hall was ready, if a new charter was to be asked from a Body other than the one which had granted the previous one, every member should have a chance to say whether or not they wished to remain members under a charter from the new Grand Body, as in our organization, no person can be made a member of the Order or of a Chapter, without his consent; hence, in this case I am clearly of the opinion that those persons who did not authorize their names to be placed on the petition for the new charter, *or have not since acquiesced in that act*, should not be considered as members of the Order, and their names should be stricken from the roll of the Chapter.

QUESTION—Is there any special form for jewel of a Past Patron?

ANSWER—So far as I can learn, no special form of jewel for Past Patrons has ever been adopted by the General Grand Chapter.

QUESTION—Will you grant permission for Chapters in our State (Texas) to receive as members, the sisters and daughters of Master Masons who are over sixteen, but are not eighteen years of age?

ANSWER—I have no power or authority to permit the reception into the Order of the Eastern Star of sisters and daughters of Master Masons, who are under eighteen years of age. Our laws are very explicit upon that point, and I have no power to suspend or supercede that law.

QUESTION—Are the mothers, sisters, and daughters, of a deceased Master Mason, who was in good standing of a Lodge at the time of his death, eligible to the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star?

ANSWER—Yes. The general regulations, as laid down in the ritual, page 1, say, "Master Masons in good standing in a Masonic Lodge, their wives, daughters, mothers, widows, and sisters, who have attained the age of eighteen years, are eligible to membership in this Order." Section 5, Rules and Regulations for the government of subordinate Chapters, says, "no person shall be admitted as a member of a Chapter within this jurisdiction, but affiliated Master Masons, their mothers, wives, sisters, daughters, and widows." If widows were omitted from the list of those who are eligible to the degrees, there might be some doubt as to the eligibilities of the classes named, but the fact that the eligibility of a widow must of a necessity be based upon her relations to a *deceased* Master Mason, clearly indicates that the intent of our laws, is to recognize as also eligible the mothers, sisters, and daughters, of deceased Master Masons. I have, therefore, no hesitancy in ruling that the mothers, sisters and daughters, of a deceased Master Mason who was affiliated and in good standing in a Lodge at the time of his death, are eligible to the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star.

QUESTION—Can an officer, duly installed, be tried for presistently neglecting to discharge the duties of her office, or attending the meetings of the Chapter, without reasonable excuse? If so, how long must such an offense be continued before subjecting the officer to charges?

ANSWER—If the officer be a Matron or Patron, Section 24, Rules and Regulations for the government of Subordinate Chapters, points out the plan of procedure. If it be an *elective* officer, other than Matron or Patron, the question would first arise: Is it simply neglect, or absolute refusal to attend meetings and perform the duties of the office? If neglect, possibly a request from the Matron or Patron would remedy the evil. If the officer *refuses*, or continues to neglect to attend to the duties of the office, after being remonstrated with by the Matron or Patron, the Matron may declare the office vacant and order an election to fill such vacancy. If the officer be an appointed one, the Matron may declare the office vacant and appoint another member thereto, whenever such officer shall *persistently* neglect to perform the duties of the office, without reasonable excuse.

QUESTION—Can ladies from a foreign jurisdiction join here, by dimit or application, where we know nothing of the Masonic standing of their male relative?

ANSWER—Yes. Most certainly by dimit, as this of itself is a voucher from some other Chapter where the Masonic relationship has

undoubtedly been proven, and by petition for initiation, if the Chapter is satisfied of the proper Masonic relationship.

QUESTION—A petition for a charter contained sixty names. At the organization of the Chapter, but fifteen were initiated, but all the sixty names were put upon the charter. Are all these persons entitled to admission as charter members at any time they may choose to present themselves, or can they be required to petition in regular form?

ANSWER—The persons named on charter all have an undoubted right to admission as charter members, but they should present themselves within a reasonable time. It would have been proper to fix that time by resolution at the start. If it was not done, it may at any meeting, as it can not be expected that the charter list will remain open indefinitely.

QUESTION—Is there any law stating who *may* or who *shall* receive dimits?

ANSWER—I know of no *general* law upon the subject of dimits, and who *may* or *shall* receive them, and I recommend that Chapters of the Order of the Eastern Star govern themselves, in this matter, in accordance with the Masonic Laws and Regulations in their jurisdictions.

QUESTION—Is the Right Worthy Grand Secretary required by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, to give a detailed account to that Grand Body of all money received, and all other official acts?

ANSWER—Yes.

QUESTION—In organizing a new Chapter in a city where one Chapter already exists, the recommendation of that Chapter being obtained, must all persons forming the new Chapter be members of the Order, or can the degrees be conferred at sight upon a sufficient number to organize as in other cases?

ANSWER—Article XV, Section 2, Constitution reads, "the Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight, upon a sufficient number of worthy persons, in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter." My understanding of this section is, that it being difficult for petitioners to receive the degrees previous to the organization of a Chapter in a place where no Chapter exists, this power was granted to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, but that in places where one or more Chapters exist,

the degrees can readily be obtained by worthy persons and he has no power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight, but to organize a new Chapter in a place where one now exists, the petitioners must be members of the Order to entitle them to charter.

GRAND SENTINEL.

March 13, 1889, I appointed Sister Sarah W. Burns, of Indianapolis, Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Bro. William M. Black, who held that office.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

I desire to call your attention to the fact, that the duties of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary are increasing with every year, and that the salary now paid to that officer, is entirely inadequate to the duties of that office at the present time. The work of that office has nearly doubled since the salary was fixed at the present amount, three hundred dollars per year. The splendid condition of our finances will now justify the paying that officer a salary more nearly approaching adequate pay for the work required, and I would recommend that, after this date, the salary of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be five hundred dollars per year.

I also wish you to notice the fact, that, for several years, our Right Worthy Grand Secretary has given up about one-third of his dwelling house to the use of this General Grand Chapter, in the way of office and storage rooms, and he has had no pay whatever for it. Other Grand Bodies usually provide an office for the use of their Grand Secretaries, and it seems to me but just that Bro. Engle should be allowed a just rental for the part of his house which has been given up for this purpose. I commend this matter to your consideration, and recommend an appropriation of such sum as may seem just to him and to this Grand Body, as an office rent for the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

OUR FINANCES.

This General Grand Chapter was never in as good financial condition as at the present time. At the last session, there was $1,551.77 in the treasury. We meet to-day with this sum increased to $3,828.36. Considerably more than double what it was then.

This shows a condition of affairs which cannot be anything else but satisfactory to every one of you, showing a gratifying increase in

the growth of our Order, and a careful looking after expenditures, which, if continued, will soon place this Order upon a solid financial foundation, and give it the means of accomplishing good in more ways than one. That this satisfactory result has been reached without calling for the tax upon members allowed by the Constitution, is certainly a cause for sincere congratulation.

MEMORIAL SERVICE.

I call your attention to a recently published memorial service, entitled, "Chapter of Sorrow, of the Order of the Eastern Star," composed and arranged by Sister Addie C. S. Engle.

As indicated by its name, it is intended as a service, "supplemental to the prescribed funeral ceremonies, in commemoration of those who, year by year, are taken by the stern reaper, death," and is designed for use in the Chapter room. It is a very beautiful form of service, and is worthy of being used in every Chapter, when it is desired to do honor to the memory of our deceased members. I most heartily commend it to you, and recommend its use in every Chapter of the Order.

THE EASTERN STAR.

For the first time in its history, this Order has a journal devoted to its interests. The *Eastern Star*, published in this city, is a journal worthy the support of every member of the Order, and I most cordially commend it to you, and trust that you will extend to its publishers that encouragement which alone can make a success for them and the Order, not words of praise merely, but your subscriptions, and your influence in extending its circulation.

GROWTH OF THE ORDER.

The growth of our Order during the last three years, has been very gratifying. Many new Chapters have been organized, several of them being in States where we have heretofore had no foothold. From all directions, inquiries for light from the rays of our beautiful Star, were never more frequent than now, and the future is bright with promise. Four new Grand Chapters have been organized since our last session, a greater number than during any similar term since the organization of the General Grand Chapter. From the report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, you will find that the increase in membership, since our last session, has been over 10,000, or nearly fifty-per cent. I congratulate

you upon this fine showing, and trust that the next three years may witness a still greater growth.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

The Constitution requires that the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, in their addresses to the General Grand Chapter, shall recommend such legislation as seems to them to be necessary. Both of these officers are members of a special committee, appointed at the last session to perform this very work, and that report of the committee will come before you at the proper time. In view of this fact, I do not deem it necessary, or wise, to go over the same ground in this address, but I commend to your careful consideration, the report of that committee. Some of the changes recommended, are radical in their nature, but are offered as the result of much thought and study, and as the outgrowth of actual experiences in the work of our Order. I particularly ask you to consider carefully the proposed change of Section 4, Article VIII, whereby the Most Worthy Grand Matron is made the official head of this General Grand Chapter in reality, as she has heretofore been in name only. I believe this change will entirely prevent any arbitrary use of authority, such as has been possible in the past, and will strengthen our Order in all parts of the country. I also ask you to consider the proposed amendment to Article III, wherein certain powers of this General Grand Chapter are more distinctly defined, and which, if adopted, will prevent work that might be of great and lasting injury to our Order.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, I wish to thank my fellow officers, and the members of the Order generally, for the very cordial support given me in my work; I particularly thank the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, for the valuable assistance he has rendered me. Ever ready and willing to aid, his thorough knowledge of all matters relating to this Order, acquired by his official connection with it during the whole of the existence of this General Grand Chapter, has made him an invaluable assistant to me in my work.

The duties of office have, at times, been arduous, because conflicting with the demands of business life, but as I accepted this office at your hands, I determined to do the work connected with it, to the best of my ability. It has been at serious financial loss that I have done this work, but it has been cheerfully done, and if I have been able to be of service to the Order, I shall feel repaid for all it has cost me.

The official duties of my term of office are now ended, as, during the few remaining hours of my term, the duties and responsibilities of this office are assumed by you. I trust that in all the business of this session, your deliberations will be governed by as sincere a desire for the good of the whole Order as has guided me in my every action. Let all questions be discussed fairly, and whatever may be your differences of personal opinion, yield cheerfully to the will of the majority, and thus secure for *all* our work, that unanimity of opinion which should distinguish us, as the highest executive Body in this Order.

I now return to your hands the trusts committed to my keeping three years ago, submitting my work for your inspection, and when, a few hours from now, my successor shall assume the high honors, and with them, the exacting duties of this office, I shall resume my former place, as a willing worker in the ranks, carrying with me through life, the pleasing recollections of the high honors I have received at your hands, and the many pleasant experiences that have been mine during my term as Most Worthy Grand Patron.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER.

COMMITTEE ON ADDRESSES.

On motion of Bro. James R. Donnell, the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was referred to a special committee of three for distribution, the Most Worthy Grand Matron naming as such James R. Donnell, Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews and Samuel L. C. Rhodes.

On motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, the General Grand Chapter was called from labor to refreshment until two o'clock P. M.

In Triennial Session.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

WEDNESDAY, September 25, A. D. 1889.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 2.40 P. M., pursuant to adjournment, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S ADDRESS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then read her address, as follows.

Officers and Members, Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter:

After an interval of three years we have again assembled for the purpose of entering upon the duties of the sixth session of this General Grand Chapter. It is gratifying to note the presence of so many representatives of our Order, who have attended previous sessions, as well as the delegates from the more recently organized Grand Chapters. We greet you, Sisters and Brosthers, and trust our meeting together will be mutually pleasant and helpful. Recognizing our dependence upon a supreme being for life and health, and all our blessings, gratefully acknowledging the divine care which has been over us these many years, and permitted so many of us to assemble here at this time, let us endeavor so to use the faculties with which we have been endowed as best to testify our appreciation of the inestimable privileges conferred upon us, and our reverence for the divine scource from which they are derived.

OUR BELOVED DEAD.

As we exchange fraternal greetings and review past associations, we are reminded that no sphere of human activities is exempt from the effects of change.

It shows itself among us in the dimmed vision and silvered hair; in the lines of care and sorrow traced on many faces; in the absence of two of our officers who, with others interested in the work of our Order, have joined the innumerable throng whose places are in "the silent halls of death."

It is fitting that, before entering upon the active duties awaiting us, we pause for a moment to speak of those whose deaths we mourn.

Bro. William M. Black was appointed Worthy Grand Sentinel of the General Grand Chapter at its first and every subsequent session, and also served the Grand Chapter of Indiana in the same capacity from its organization to the time of his death, a tribute to his faithfulness to which words can not add. He died in this city, August 19, 1887.

Sister Elizabeth Davis was appointed Worthy Grand Warder at the last session. She was a Past Grand Matron of Nebraska, and was mainly instrumental in securing the organization of its Grand Chapter. Her death occurred in Omaha, June 8, 1889.

It is proper, and I recommend, that some recognition be made of the death of these officers, and that a memorial page be assigned to each in the printed proceedings of this session.

The Grand Chapter of Indiana, to whose courtesy we are indebted for our meeting in this place, has been bereaved, within the last year, of a Grand Matron, who was stricken with fatal illness while in the discharge of her official duties. Sister Anna V. Lakin departed this life February 19, 1889. By her untimely death our Order has lost an earnest worker and a firm believer in the sacredness of its mission.

We deplore the sudden death of the Deputy in Ohio of this General Grand Chapter, Bro. S. C. Chorlton, through whose earnest and untiring efforts, in the face of many difficulties, our Order was introduced into that State. He was called to rest from his labors, May 1, 1889, just as he was about to enter upon the fruition of his hopes in the organization of a Grand Chapter. We sympathize with those who, by his decease, have been deprived of a wise counselor and true friend, but hope the remembrance of his faithfulness will incite them to greater zeal in extending throughout the state the cause he loved so well.

Among those whose names are associated with the early history of the General Grand Chapter, we record the death of Bro. Jeremiah E. Whitcher, who was present and assisted at its organization, and was elected its first Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and of his wife, Sister Henrietta Whitcher, who was appointed its first Worthy Grand Conductress. Both were identified with the formation of the Grand Chapter of California, and occupied prominent positions therein. They were separated but a few days, Sister Whitcher died in San Diego, January 8, 1888, and Bro. Whitcher in Oakland, January 24, 1888.

I recommend that the names of the above mentioned, and all other members of this General Grand Chapter who have died since its last session, be recorded on a page set aside for the purpose, in the printed report of this session's proceeding.

I should be lacking in proper respect to our Order should I fail to mention in this enumeration of those who have passed away, one who was present at our last meeting as an honored guest, to whose inspired genius we owe our existence as an Order, its author and founder, the venerable patriarch, Bro. Robert Morris, who died at his home in Lagrange, Kentucky, July 31, 1888, having nearly completed the three score years and ten of life's allotted span. No words of mine can add anything to the eulogies pronounced by his brothers of the "mystic tie" in Lodge and Chapters, or to the general appreciation of the value of his life-work. It was my good fortune to be present at the impressive memorial services held in his honor by the Grand Chapter of California, soon after his death, and to hear glowing words of admiration from one who knew him intimately. The memory of his work in their behalf will be held in lasting remembrance by those to whom it gave the privileges of membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. I recommend that such action be taken in this matter as best comports with a proper appreciation of the services rendered to our Order by its most illustrious member.

As we ponder the lesson of life's uncertainties taught by these many examples, may we more fully realize the importance of doing with our might what our hands find to do, "for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom in the grave whither all must go."

DISASTERS TO LIFE AND PROPERTY.

The past year has been remarkable for the number of disasters that have occurred in every quarter of the globe. In our own country, storms of unusual severity, devastating fires, and terrible floods

have destroyed a vast amount of property, and caused the loss of many lives. The prompt and generous response to calls for assistance from places so visited proves how all-pervading is the power of sympathy. "Pity and need make all flesh kin," says a writer, and its truth is attested by the readiness with which the work of relief was commenced, and the zeal with which it was continued.

Among the many agencies whose untiring efforts in behalf of the destitute and distressed at Johnstown will never be forgotten, it is gratifying to know that our Order bore a part, and contributed its mite to the beneficent work so efficiently and nobly performed. No incident of that terrible calamity appeals to us with greater force than the one related by our Kansas brother as a part of his personal experience, emphasizing, as it does, the importance of providing more adequate means whereby the female relatives of Masons shall be able to make themselves known to members of that Fraternity as entitled to its protection.

RETROSPECTIVE.

The selection of this city as the place of holding this meeting offers an opportunity of comparing the present condition of our Order with that existing thirteen years ago, when a few of its accredited representatives met in this place to devise a plan whereby uniformity of work could be secured and the extension of the Order promoted, their deliberations resulting in the formation of the General Grand Chapter.

The records of new Chapters formed, and of Grand Chapters organized, together with statistics of membership, and other matters pertaining to the extension of our Order, will doubtless constitute a part of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary's report and need no mention here.

No one who has followed the history of our Order through its various stages of development can fail to notice the rapid growth it has made in these later years. Occupying a large proportion of the States and territories, it has found its way to places where only a short time since its aims, and even its name, were almost unknown. From East to West, from North to South, it has moved steadily on, embracing within its ever-widening circle, people of diverse habits of thought, and opinions, and creeds, yet all travelers upon a common road and seeking the light which radiates from our emblematic Star. But its progress is seen, not only in the wider extent of territory occupied and its largely increased membership, but in a more accurate perception

of its purposes and tendencies. The influence it exerts through its social features is more fully recognized, its advantages as an educator, both of the intellectual and moral faculties, is better appreciated and can not be too highly estimated, and its value as a factor in the development of women, preparing them for positions of greater usefulness becomes more apparent, as their opportunities multiply. The presence here of this assemblage, coming from various sections of our country, united by a common interest, demonstrates the character and extent of its influence as one of the important agencies of the times in the work of humanity.

As no record of human effort is complete without some confession of failure, so we can not claim for our Order immunity from faults, or boast of having attained perfection. Mistakes have been made which must be rectified, and much thought and careful study must be expended upon it before its full measure of usefulness is fulfilled and it is acknowledged as a worthy helpmeet by that fraternity "to which it is bound by the dearest ties though no part of that ancient institution." The prejudice, which has been manifested toward it by some of the Masonic brotherhood, is fast disappearing and will cease to exist when they become better acquainted with the character of its teachings, and the loftiness of its aims, and we confidently expect the time will come when every Masonic Lodge will have its counterpart in a Chapter of the Eastern Star.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

The few sentences in the Constitution defining the duties of the first two officers failed to give any hint of those devolving upon the Most Worthy Grand Matron during the interval between the sessions. The report of what I have done will therefore be very brief.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary has kept me informed of the charters issuing from his office for new Chapters. I have written to the officers of these, tendering congratulations, making suggestions and advising as to a proper course to be pursued to make the undertaking successful, in many instances receiving appreciative replies and requests for further information.

I have written many other letters upon subjects connected with Eastern Star matters, replies to invitations to attend meetings of Grand and Subordinate Chapters and festivals connected therewith, acknowledgements of the reception of reports and other documents, messages of sympathy and condolence, making all in all a somewhat extended correspondence, involving considerable time and thought.

If it shall have accomplished any good results or shall have been productive to the recipients of the pleasure it has given me, I am fully repaid.

Among the communications received, was one from the Secretary of the International Council of Women to be held in Washington, D. C., inviting our co-operation as a society in that organization. By the advice of the Most Worthy Grand Patron I courteously declined the invitation. A similar communication has since been received and is herewith submitted for your consideration.

VISITATIONS.

In the summer of 1887, I had the pleasure of accompanying the Grand Matron of California on her official visits of inspection to the Chapters in the northern part of the State. By extending the trip through a portion of Nevada, I was enabled to visit Esther Chapter, at Carson, and Adah Chapter, at Reno, both working under charters emanating from the General Grand Chapter. I was warmly welcomed and with my traveling companions entertained with generous hospitality. I found the officers intelligent and efficient, a good degree of interest in the work, and an active membership, and shall always remember these visits with pleasure.

Later in the same year I visited at Seattle, Washington Territory, Lorraine Chapter, then not quite one year old, and was pleased to find it in good working condition. It has since made considerable progress and bids fair to become a large and flourishing Chapter, though it has recently suffered severe loss by the fire which destroyed such a large portion of Seattle. A recent interview with its Worthy Matron assured me that, though laboring under many disadvantages, its members are not depressed, but full of energy and determination.

A Grand Chapter was organized last year in Washington Territory, now assuming the duties and responsibilities of Statehood, and, I doubt not, there will soon be a large accession to the number of Chapters in this magnificent portion of our country's wide domain.

I regret my inability to make more visits to the Chapters under the control of this Body.

The records of Grand Chapters show a marked increase of efficiency in the Chapters personally visited by the Grand Officers. I doubt not a similar result would follow official visits to those Chapters subordinate to and under the immediate supervision of the Gen-

eral Grand Chapter, but, unfortunately, the extent of territory occupied precludes the possibility of this, except in a limited degree.

OF ENLARGEMENTS OF DUTIES.

I am of the opinion that the interests of our order would be better subserved if the Most Worthy Grand Matron was invested with some authority during the interval between the sessions, more particularly with reference to these Chapters. At each meeting, in connection with the Most Worthy Grand Patron, she is required "to present a written address, setting forth her official acts," but the nature and extent of these implied acts are not designated, except at the regular sessions, when she is required to preside. Her position is merely an honorary one, of which something is evidently expected, but regarding which nothing is defined.

During the past three years I have sometimes regretted the necessity of refusing requests, a compliance with which would not have infringed upon the prerogatives of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

As a member of the committee appointed at the last session to present a synopsis of the legislation and decisions made by this General Grand Chapter since its formation, and to suggest amendments and alterations, I have carefully examined the Constitution, Rules and Regulations, and have sent a detailed statement of my ideas upon needed changes to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, to be embodied in his report as chairman of the committee.

THANKS.

I desire to express my thanks to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for the many favors I have received at his hands, for his uniform courtesy and thoughtfulness. Our Order, throughout its wide extent, is fortunate in having retained such a faithful and efficient officer these many years.

Many courtesies have been shown me, as your representative, by members of the Masonic Fraternity, for which I return my thanks.

The officers of the several Grand Chapters have accorded me many marks of fraternal regard, and I take this opportunity of expressing my appreciation of their kindness.

The honors due my official position have been fully and cordially extended to me on all appropriate occasions.

To all members of the Order, wheresoever dispersed, to whom I am indebted for kindly greetings, for generous hospitality and innumerable courtesies, I offer my sincere, heartfelt thanks, hoping that all good gifts will be added thereto.

PRESENT DUTIES.

And now, as we take up the business of this session, let us bring to it an earnest purpose to advance the highest interest of our Order. Let personal grievances be forgotten, and selfish thoughts be expelled from our minds, let our deliberations be characterized by the true spirit of fraternal love, and let justice be the guide of our actions.

Convened in this Temple, dedicated to Masonry, among whose mystic symbols the emblems of our Order find fitting place, let us strive to practice the virtues they inculcate, and so prove ourselves worthy to assist in the work of "promulgating the principles of brotherly love, relief and truth."

CONCLUSION.

It only remains for me to express to those who placed me in this official position, my sense of obligation for this mark of their confidence in my ability to preside over such a large and intelligent assemblage, and to ask your indulgence for my mistakes and shortcomings. Let us work together with earnestness, with due regard for each others rights and privileges, and in the interest of "peace, harmony and submission to laws." And when our work is done, and we separate to go our several ways, may we leave behind us a record of which we shall not be ashamed when we render the final account of our stewardship.

MARY A. FLINT,
M. W. Grand Matron.

On motion of Mrs. Sarah L. Marsh, the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to the same committee to which the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was referred.

By unanimous consent, the order of business was suspended, and the report of Special Committee was taken up.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Bro. Jefferson S. Conover submitted the following, which, upon his motion, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

To the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star:

Your committee, appointed at the last session, by resolution found on page 49, proceedings of 1886, * would respectfully submit the following report:

DECISIONS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

It is lawful for the Worthy Matron, at the Worthy Patron's request, to do such portions of the work of conferring the degrees as will secure the best results.—*Most Worthy Grand Patron Lamb, 1880.*

A Mason, who is not a member of this Order, can not be admitted to witness the secret work upon taking an obligation of secrecy. If such person has been so admitted in some state, and desires to join the Order, he can only do so by petitioning and receiving the degrees in due and regular form.—*Ib.*

The ceremony known as the "Floral Work" can not be used as an addition to or in connection with the prescribed ceremony of initiation. —*Ib.*

The stepdaughter of a Master Mason, can be received into this Order. —*Most Worthy Grand Patron Willis Brown, 1883.*

General Grand Chapter reversed this decision at session of 1883.

The half sister of a Master Mason in good standing is eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. *Ib.*

Payment of *per capita* tax of twenty-five cents on each member of subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall commence January 1, 1884. —*Most Worthy Grand Patron Gaskill, 1886.*

Resolved, That a committee of three members, the Most Worthy Grand Patron being chairman, be appointed to report at our next conclave as follows:

The initation fee is five dollars in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter has the right to confer the degrees for a less sum.—*Ib.*

It is not proper and in accordance with law, to admit Master Masons to our Chapter meetings, who are not members of our Order, and it should not be permitted. *Ib.*

* 1. A synopsis of the *decisions* of the two superior officers and of the legislation of the General Grand Chapter for the past ten years.

The standing of a sister is not affected by the expulsion of her husband from the Masonic Order. Nothing but her own misconduct affects her standing.—*Ib.*

A person who has lost an arm can not be received into our Order. —*Ib.*

A person can not hold an office in the General Grand Chapter who holds no membership in any subordinate Chapter.—*Most Worthy Grand Matron Jennie E. Mathews, 1886.*

DECISIONS NOT ACTED UPON BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The following decisions were made by the officers named, but no action has been taken upon them by the General Grand Chapter Your committee recommend that they be considered by this Grand Body, and either approved or disapproved, that there be no misunderstanding in the minds of members concerning them:

A person who has received the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star, by sight, in a lawful manner, but who has not affiliated, with any Chapter, would not be required to go through the ceremony of initiation, but could become a member of a Chapter by affiliation, as though a member of a Chapter under a dimit. *Most Worthy Grand Patron Brown, 1883.*

The question of a Chapter recommending the petition of members of the Order for a charter to organize a Chapter in the same town or city, is not properly subject to a ballot vote. *Ib.*

At the session of 1883, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, M. W. Grand Matron, reported the following questions, submitted from New Jersey, and *opinions* thereon, none of which were acted upon by the General Grand Chapter:

1. Will you grant a charter in this city, and will it be necessary for the parties to get permission from any one of the Chapters here?

2. Can any Grand Chapter, by a vote of the members present, secede from the General Grand Chapter?

3. Can any number of Past Grand Officers of a Grand Chapter organize without five Chapters being represented, or must the Chapters who were opposed to being legislated out of the General Grand Chapter submit to the will of the majority?

4. Will the General Grand Chapter consider the Grand Chapter of New Jersey from this forward as independent and clandestine?

5. In what position has the action of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey placed us?

6. Will we be recognized by the Grand Chapters who are members of the General Grand Chapter?

7. Can I, as Past Grand Officer, and a charter member of the General Grand Chapter visit the General Grand Chapter, or any Grand Chapter as a member of the Order in good and regular standing?

8. We have six Chapters in this Grand Jurisdiction, of which there was only five represented at the session held when the resolution was adopted to withdraw from the General Grand Chapter. One Chapter refusing to vote. Was the vote under the circumstances legal?

9. When the vote was taken should it have been taken by Chapters as a unit, and decided by a majority of Chapters instead of a majority vote of members?

To the above I replied as follows:

I think there is no authority to hold a Grand Chapter's allegiance to the General Grand Chapter if the majority desire it otherwise.

Grand Chapters are organized by subordinate Chapters only, the Past Grand Officers could have no power to organize a Grand Chapter.

Your standing as a Past Grand Patron, consequently a permanent member of the General Grand Chapter, is not affected by the action of your Grand Chapter, so long as you remain a member of some subordinate Chapter under its jurisdiction,

The same principal that allows the Grand Chapter of New Jersey to secede from the General Grand Chapter, will permit a subordinate Chapter to do the same thing.

We have decided that there is no Grand Chapter in New Jersey, so far as the General Grand Chapter is concerned, and see no objection to granting charters until enough have been granted to form a Grand Chapter that will be subordinate to the General Grand Chapter.

Make an application to Bro. Willis Brown, M. W. Grand Patron, Seneca, Kansas, and he will grant a charter, and it will not be necessary for you to ask permission of any Chapter in your city.

Since your Grand Chapter provides no specific number of Chapters necessary to constitute a quorum to open and transact business, and there being five of the six Chapters in the State represented, I should say the Grand Chapter of New Jersey was legally opened at its last session, in October, 1880.

What are the duties of a Grand Representative from one Grand Chapter to another, and how long does the appointment hold?

I have given the following as my opinion.

The appointment of a Grand Representative of one Grand Chapter near another Grand Chapter, is rather an expression of a fraternal greeting than an office bearing any special duties. As to the time these appointments should continue, I am of the opinion that the

same rule governing Grand Commanderies, or the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons, would be safe for the Eastern Star. That is, appointments of Grand Representatives expire at the time the General Grand Chapter convenes.

Can a Grand Chapter be declared open in form, with only the representatives of two subordinate Chapters present?

In my opinion, it can not.

The constitution of the General Grand Chapter provides that there must be five Chapters chartered in any State, or Territory, before a Grand Chapter can be organized, and the control of said Territory surrendered. A Grand Chapter must make rules and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, consequently any Grand Chapter with no law incorporated in its constitution, should observe the law of organization.

Bro. W. B. Massey, Grand Secretary of Arkansas, consulted me regarding the voting sign their State had adopted.

I am of the opinion Arkansas has the right to adopt a voting sign if they think best, and it is not any infringement on our rights so long as it does not conflict with any of the signs as promulgated by the General Grand Chapter. The uplifted hand is recognized by the General Grand Chapter as the voting sign, and is almost universally used. I commend the practice of instructing the candidate in the voting sign of the Order.

I have given it as my opinion, that the Ritual of the General Grand Chapter does *not* admit of the use of the veil in the initiation ceremony.

In the opinion of your committee, if some of these *opinions* were fully acted upon, the effect would be very disastrous to our Order.

The granting of charters to form Chapters in States where Grand Chapters exist that do not acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, can bring nothing but evil to our Order, and most especially so in States where Grand Chapters existed before the organization of the General Grand Chapter. The right of the General Grand Chapter to organize Chapters in New Jersey, New York, or Vermont, implies the right of the Grand Chapters in those States to organize Chapters anywhere that the General Grand Chapter claims jurisdiction, and this action, if carried out, would bring chaos to our Order. This General Grand Chapter should never take such a position. Rather let it respect the rights of *every* Grand Chapter, whether it acknowledges allegiance to this body or not. In this way only, and not by attempted force, can we win the allegiance of *all* Grand Chapters, and make this truly a united Order.

SYNOPSIS OF LEGISLATION.

As a synopsis of the legislation of the General Grand Chapter during its existence, your committee would present the following:

This General Grand Chapter was organized November 16, 1876, with five Grand Chapters represented and pledging allegiance, viz: New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and California, at which time the Constitution and Code of Laws were adopted.

The second session was held in Chicago, on May 8, 9, and 10, 1878, and the present Ritual was adopted at that time.

This session found the Grand Chapters of Kansas, Massachusetts, and Michigan added to our number, or eight in all.

The third meeting was held in Chicago, August 20, and 21, 1880, and found three more Grand Chapters added to our roll, viz: Iowa, Minnesota, and Nebraska.

Resolution adopted at this session, making Bro. Robert Morris's birthday, August 31st, a festal day for the Order.

The fourth session was held in San Francisco, August 17 to 23, 1883, with two additional Grand Chapters -Arkansas and Ontario - enrolled.

At this session a *great deal* of legislation was attempted and *very little* really accomplished.

Article XVII of the Constitution, relating to amendments, was declared stricken out, but the resolution to amend not receiving a two-thirds vote, which was required by constitutional law, the action was clearly illegal, and we recommend that it be declared void, and that the article stand as before 1883. Sections 4, and 5, were added to Article II., but this, and all amendments since that date, are illegal and void for reason given above. We recommend the re-enactment of these two sections.

A number of decisions by Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron were reported, but only two were acted upon by the General Grand Chapter.

In 1886, the following decision was made, based upon the action of the General Grand Chapter quoted below:

The initiation fee is five dollars in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter has a right to confer the degrees for a less sum.—*Most Worthy Grand Patron Gaskill, 1886.*

Your committee think this decision an error on the part of P. M. W. Grand Patron Gaskill, and an oversight of the existing facts by the General Grand Chapter when the decision was approved.

Section 6, Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, reads:

No Chapters shall confer the degrees for a less sum than two dollars.

At the session of 1883, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, M. W. Grand Matron, in her address, recommended "that our Constitution be so amended that the degrees shall not be conferred for less than five dollars."

The Committee on Finance, to whom this recommendation was referred, reported as follows:

Your Committee on Finance fully concur in the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, in regard to fixing the fees for the degrees of the Order at five dollars, in Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

And the report was adopted, but no amendment in accordance with such recommendation has ever been presented, and your committee hold that this section remains unchanged, and would recommend that the decision referred to, be reversed.

The fifth session was held at St. Louis, on September 23, 24 and 25, 1886.

The Grand Chapter of Texas reported added to the roll, and Mississippi declared dead. Ontario, also reported dormant.

At this session the Minnesota question was the paramount issue, and a resolution, found on page 45 of the proceedings, was adopted as a hoped for settlement of the matter. The present session will likely hear something more from this matter.

The Constitution was amended by adding to Section 2, Article VI:

And each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in States and Territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

This action was illegal and void, for same reasons given concerning Article XVII. We recommend that it be re-enacted.

The jewels of a Grand Chapter shall be the emblems within a star or a triangle, within a pentagon. The jewels of the General Grand

Chapter shall be the emblems within a star or triangle, within a circle.—*Page 56, proceedings 1886.*

All deputies appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron must be brothers.—*Ib.*

Each deputy appointed, to whom is given general powers, shall have a special jurisdiction assigned him.—*Ib.*

Your committee would recommend the following changes and amendments to our Constitution and Laws:

ARTICLE II.

Amend Section 3 by adding "or her" after "his" before "office" in third line.

Amend Section 4, as follows:

Omit "legally appointed" in first line. Substitute "he or she" for "they" in fourth line. Change "represent" to "represents" in fourth line.

ARTICLE III.

Amend Section 2:

By adding, after the words "where no Grand Chapter exists," in third line, the words, "and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause, may revoke and annul the same," and add, after the word "such," in the third line, the words, "Grand Chapter."

Add as a new Section to Article III, to be Section 3:

SEC. 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend, or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action, it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters already organized, in the territory of such Grand Chapter, until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

Re-number the remaining sections of the article.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amend Section 2, by substituting "Matron" for "Patron" in first line, and "Patron" for "Matron" in the second line.

Strike out Section 4, and substitute in its place the following:

SEC. 4. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, with the approval of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, may exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organizing of new Chapters, and recognition of Grand Chapters, which shall be the

duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, so approved by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be in force and binding until the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that Body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

Then transpose the Sections so that Section 5 shall be Section 2; Section 2 shall be Section 3; Section 3 shall be Section 4; Section 4 shall be Section 5.

ARTICLES X AND XI.

Transpose Articles X and XI, so that Article XI shall be Article X; Article X shall be Article XI.

This follows the order in which these officers are mentioned in Article II.

ARTICLE XVI.

Amend Section I:

By adding after "Chapter" in second line, the following: "within thirty days from the close of the session" and after "chairman" in fourth line, the following: "and such committee shall continue until the close of the succeeding session of the General Grand Chapter. Within ten days after making such appointments, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees and the same shall be printed with the proceedings."

RULES OF ORDER.

Amend Rule III to read as follows, after the first paragraph:

1. Reading minutes of previous meeting.
2. Filling of vacancies in standing committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of standing committees.
9. Reports of special committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished business.
12. Miscellaneous business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Amend Section 5:

By striking out after the word "widows," in fourth line, the sentence, "Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age,"

and substitute, "No person shall be eligible to membership who is less than eighteen years of age."

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
BENJAMIN LYNDS,
MARY A. FLINT,
Committee.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary then submitted his report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star:

The duties of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary during the last three years have required a considerable increase in labor, and have included, besides filling orders for supplies, making several thousand packages by mail and express, the writing of six thousand letters, and statements of account, and the sending of eight thousand circulars, edicts and memorial notices. In connection with the following summary I submit a more detailed statement as to warrants issued, ledger balances and other matters, for the convenience of the Committee on Ways and Means, together with vouchers and my books, with trial balance of same.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT, JULY 1, 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Due from Grand Chapters, et al., July 31, 1886	$503 22	
Rituals sold	2,800 00	
Petitions sold	117 63	
Badges sold	109 61	
Signets sold	438 20	
Ode Cards sold	78 89	
Summonses sold	8 54	
Dimits sold	24 81	
Ode Books sold	101 34	
Stationery sold	25 76	
Charter Fees	580 00	
Dues	1,467 25	
Overpaid by Grand Chapters	38 15	
		$ 6,293 40
Less Balances due Grand Chapter, et al	$629 56	
Less Indebtedness July 31, 1886	16 52	
		$646 08
Receipts as shown by cash book		$5,647 32
Add cash in Treasury July 31, 1886		1,551 77
Total to be accounted for by Right Worthy Grand Treasurer		$7,199 09

DISBURSEMENTS.

Rituals	$852 80	
Petitions	63 08	
Badges	53 92	
Signets	138 07	
Ode Cards	32 79	
Summonses	3 50	
Dimits	9 96	
Ode Books	60 73	
Stationery and Printing	464 07	
Charter Fee refunded	20 00	
Overpayments refunded	32 75	
Postage	247 26	
Salaries	875 00	
Appropriations by General Grand Chapter	360 00	
Traveling Expenses	156 80	
		$3,370 73
Balance in hands of Right Worthy Grand Treasurer		$3,828 36

ASSETS—MERCHANDISE ON HAND.

Rituals	1,117	$141 85	
Petitions	6,016	12 99	
Badges	152	16 00	
Signets	86	17 85	
Ode Cards	1,054	5 80	
Summonses	212	56	
Dimits	568	1 56	
Ode Books	540	27 00	
			$223 91
Cash on hand			$3,828 36
Due from Grand Chapters, et al		$629 56	
Less due Grand Chapters		5 40	
			$624 16
* Total assets			$4,676 13

In addition to the above amount there is due a small sum from several Chapters for delinquent dues.

* The Right Worthy Grand Secretary received from July 1, to Oct. 1, 1889, $460, disbursed $426.78, turning over $33.22, which makes the total assets Oct. 1, 1889, $4,709.35.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

The following named subordinate Chapters have failed to report or pay dues for two years or more:

Arizona—Golden Rule No. 1, Prescott.

Colorado—Trinidad No. 1, Trinidad.
Adah No. 4, Aspen.

Dakota—Queen Esther No. 1, Mitchell.
Black Hills No. 2, Rapid City.
Howard No. 6, Howard.

Florida—Evergreen No. 2, Tampa.
Magnolia No. 3, Palatka.

Idaho—Mount Idaho No. 1, Mount Idaho.

Mississippi—Natchez No. 1, Natchez.

North Carolina—Hope No. 1, Boone.

Oregon—Alpha No. 1, Ashland.
Independence No. 7, Independence.

Tennessee—East Fork No. 2, Ethel.
Fayetteville No. 3, Fayetteville.

Of these, Golden Rule No. 1, of Arizona, is known to be working, and Alpha No. 1, of Oregon, is believed to be. The others are dormant and their charters and effects should be taken up.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

Eminence No. 3, Salida, Colorado, February, 1888.
Evergreen No. 3, Madison, Dakota, February, 1889.

THE SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

Under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with their membership as per last reports, are as follows:

Arizona—Golden Rule No. 1. Prescott	47
Whi e Mountain No. 2, Globe	43
Alsap No. 3, Phœnix	34
Mount Frisco No. 4, Flagstaff	26
Colorado—Trinidad No. 1, Trinidad	Dormant
Colorado No. 2, Leadville	97
Adah No. 4, Aspen	52
Garden City No. 5, Greeley	64
Florida—Evergreen No. 2, Tampa	Dormant
Magnolia No. 3, Palatka	Dormant

Idaho—Mount Idaho No. 1, Mount Idaho	Dormant
Hugh Duncan No. 2, Salmon City	37
Ruth No. 3, Pocatello	28
Kentucky—Queen Esther No. 1, Louisville	53
Union No. 2, DeKoven	36
Louisiana—Rob. Morris No. 1, New Orleans	37
Maine—Adah No. 1, Biddeford	39
Electa No. 2, Bowdoinham	31
Maryland—Alpha No. 1, Baltimore	53
Mississippi—Natchez No. 1, Natchez	Dormant
Montana—Miriam No. 1, Helena	101
Ruth No. 2, Butte City	116
Esther No. 3, Townsend	38
Nevada—Electa No. 2, Austin	89
Esther No. 3, Carson	78
Adah No. 4, Reno	53
New Hampshire—Olive Branch No. 1, Lancaster	13
Eureka No. 2, Colebrook	23
New Mexico—Queen Esther No. 1, Raton	39
North Carolina—Hope No. 1, Boone	Dormant
North Dakota—Lady Washington No. 8, Jamestown	33
Oregon—Alpha No. 1, Ashland	65
Eugene City No 2, Eugene City	90
Adarel No. 3, Jacksonville	49
Cottage Grove No. 4, Cottage Grove	33
Oriental No. 5, Lakeview	54
Beulah No. 6, Coquelle City	42
Independence No 7, Independence	Dormant
Roseburg No. 8, Roseburg	88
St. Mary's No. 9, Corvallis	77
Forest Grove No. 10, Forest Grove	30
Esther No. 11, Baker City	29
Pennsylvania—Wyoming No. 1, Pittston	64
Keystone No. 2, Duke Centre	59
Tennessee—Esther No. 1, Difficult	57
East Fork No. 2, Ethel	Dormant
Fayetteville No. 3, Fayetteville	Dormant
Wyoming—Alpha No. 1, Laramie	19
Total membership in 39 active Chapters	2,013

DUTIES OF RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

Concerning this matter, our late Bro. Thomas M. Lamb, in his address as Most Worthy Grand Patron in 1880, said:

In the assignment of the duties of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, sufficient notice is not taken of the fact that he must necessarily act as the Chapter's financial agent in the purchase and sale of those few articles from which the Chapter derives its revenue. I recommend such revision of the constitution in their respect as the circumstances require.

As such financial agent, and with the concurrence of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, I have paid the bills as they have accrued, and made annual settlements, drawing warrants, for the several total amounts due the different parties who have furnished supplies, etc., and remitted the same as cash to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer. So that the amounts credited by that officer represent the money covered by such warrants, disbursed during the year as well as the cash remitted.

DELINQUENCIES.

I have made strong efforts toward closing up the various accounts on our ledger, not only because of the desire to show the smallest amount possible outstanding at this meeting, but also because of the necessity of opening an entirely new set of books, as the old ones are full to repletion. Because of this fact I closed the books earlier than I otherwise would. I have had made to order, with especial regard to the needs of the office, a journal and ledger, for use in the coming three years.

That my efforts have been at least partially successful is evidenced by the fact that, deducting the amounts due from the Grand Chapter of Texas and from the Grand Chapters that make annual settlements just before their annual meetings in October, the balance aggregates $188.45, as well as by the increased cash receipts during the last year.

JEWELS FOR OFFICERS.

At the last meeting I was appointed a committee to procure jewels for the use of the officers of this Body, but I have not done so, and would ask that the committee be instructed as to the amount it is desired to expend for them, and the material of which they shall be made. It has been suggested that they be more valuable than is usually employed in jewels, and that they be made smaller than the ordinary design.

THE RITUAL.

Owing to the numerous editions of the Ritual that have been issued, and to the fact that the plates for the same were made from type that had been used to such an extent that the plates were originally imperfect, it will be necessary to have new plates made before a satisfactory edition, typographically, can be issued.

REPRINTING PROCEEDINGS.

The supply of the printed proceedings of the first and third meetings of this Body is entirely exhausted, so that I have been unable to respond to many requests for some. The General Grand Chapter should consider the expediency of reprinting the same.

NEW JERSEY.

During all the years of my service in this office, correctness of the claim against anybody has never been questioned, with one exception. The Grand Chapter of New Jersey has had an open account on our ledger for many years. Statements have been furnished from time to time, the correctness of which was never questioned, so far as I have knowledge, until it was publicly done in the Grand Chapter of that State. The Grand Patron, acting upon misinformation, not only did so, but stated that they had not been able to obtain an itemized bill, while the printed record shows that a committee of their Grand Chapter did have such a bill referred to it, and reported thereon. I immediately called the attention of Bro. Lyne to these facts, who received my communication most courteously, and who now, while I am writing this report, telegraphs me, "Grand Chapter ordered your bill paid in full, at once."

TEXAS.

I have also received official notice, that at its recent meeting the Grand Chapter reaffirmed its resolution to permanently sever its connection with this Body.

The Grand Chapter of Texas has owed a balance of upward of one hundred dollars, which has been standing for two years. I am unable to get any definite answer from their Grand Secretary, but the Grand Matron has made strenuous exertions toward adjusting the same, and promises earnest efforts at the coming meeting of their Grand Chapter to put the affairs of the Order in that State in better shape.

EXTENSION OF THE ORDER.

During the three years the Order has obtained foothold for the first time in Maine, New Hampshire, Pennsylvania and New Mexico.

RETROSPECTIVE.

It may not be inappropriate for me, as the only person who was a member of the Convention which organized this Body, who has attended every meeting thereof, as well as in my capacity as the recorder of the good deeds of my companions, to take a retrospective glance. Few who now see the wondrous growth of our Order appreciate the trials and fears of those earlier days, and the opposition with which the movement to place the Order on a firm foundation was met, even from within. One of the principal objections to the organization of this Body was its promised expense, even to the Grand Chapters, it being fully asserted that the same would aggregate thousands of dollars per annum, while the records show that such actual direct expense during the thirteen years has been $48.43. At that time the Order numbered twelve Grand Chapters, 290 subordinate, and 13,967 members. The Grand Chapters not now active members of this Body then numbered 76 Chapters and 4,614 members. To-day they number 84 Chapters and 4,802 members. While in the then existing Grand Chapters, which are now members of this Body, the number of subordinates has increased from 214 to 365, and the membership from 9,453 to 19,075. The entire membership of the Order is 35,590 in 692 Subordinate Chapters, of which 30,688 members are in 608 Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Body.

THANKS.

I desire to express most earnestly my obligations personally to my superior officers. The uniform courtesy that I have received at their hands has not only rendered my term of office a pleasant one, but has I trust, cemented friendship that will not find any earthly bound.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, *pro tem.* then read the report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, as fol-

lows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means:

St. Louis, September 23, 1889.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Herewith I submit my report as Grand Treasurer, together with my vouchers:

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand as per last report	$1,551 77
May 25, 1887. Received from Grand Secretary	437 70
September 14, 1887. Received from Grand Secretary	1,791 11
July 26, 1889. Received from Grand Secretary	1,950 17
September 23, 1889. Received from Grand Secretary	1,468 34
Total Receipts	$7,199.09

EXPENDITURES.

Warrant No. 67, Mrs. Jennie Mathews	$110 90
" " 68, J. E. Weber	10 00
" " 69, Mrs. Mary E. Lynds	3 70
" " 70, W. D. Engle	50 00
" " 71, Rollin C. Gaskill	200 00
" " 72, S. I. Wing	10 80
" " 73, H. Frank & Co	4 00
" " 74, W. D. Engle	125 00
" " 75, W. D Engle	61 80
" " 76, A. R. Baker	187 10
" " 77, W. H. Smythe	11 75
" " 78, W. B. Burford	7 80
" " 79, J. S. Conover	62 75
" " 80, Mrs. L. A. Pratt	20 00
" " 81, W. D. Engle	300 00
" " 82, W. D. Engle	132 66
" " 83, Donaldson Lithograph Co	89 50
" " 84, A. R. Baker	386 35
" " 85, Darrow Bros	80 20
" " 86, Baker and Randolph	487 02
" " 87, W. B. Burford	13 65
" " 88, W. H. Smythe	1 25
" " 89, W. D. Engle	300 00
" " 90, W. D. Engle	148 25
" " 91, J. S. Conover	14 50
" " 92, W. H. Smythe	19 75
" " 93, Sentinel Pr. Co	52 19
" " 94, J. S. Conover	18 40
" " 95, W. D. Engle	150 00
" " 96, W. D. Engle	12 50
" " 97, W. D. Engle	110 29
" " 98, M. C. Lilley & Co	48 00
" " 99, W. M. Donaldson & Co	15 30

Warrant No. 100, Mrs. L. J. Pitkin	38 35
" " 101, W. D. Engle	78 77
Total expenditure	$3,370 73

RECAPITULATION.

Total receipts	$7,199 09
Total expenditures	3,370 73
Balance on hand	$3,828 36

Fraternally,

JOHN R. PARSON,

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

AMENDMENT.

Willis D. Engle submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That Section 6, Article III, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the word "majority" and inserting in lieu thereof "two-thirds vote," and striking out the words "shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote," etc.

Henry G. Thayer moved that when this Body adjourn it be until 11 o'clock to-morrow, which was adopted.

ADDRESSES.

Samuel L. C. Rhodes, from the Committee on Addresses, submitted the following partial report:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your committee, to whom were referred the addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, has considered the same and would recommend:

That so much of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron as refers to deputies, decisions, dispensations, requests refused and Grand Chapters, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to Minnesota matters be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as refers to the enlargement of the duties of that grand officer, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much as refers to our distinguished dead, contained in the Most Worthy Grand Matron's and Most Worthy Grand Patron's addresses be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much as refers to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, be referred to the Committee on Finance Ways and Means.

That so much as refers to charters granted, charters restored, charters revoked, charters refused, change of name and removal of Chapters, be referred to Committee on Charters.

That so much of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to "International Council of Women," be referred to a special committee of three.

In the review of the addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron we are pleased to note the energy and zeal which permeate them throughout, showing they have labored for the welfare and prosperity of the Order. We firmly believe that the Most Worthy Grand Patron has given earnest thought and patient study to every point of his work, showing a careful and thorough investigation of all the laws that govern the Order; that all his acts have been influenced by justice and unselfish loyalty to the welfare of all and the general good of the Order extant.

The address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron is commendable for her ability and zeal, and we only regret that the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter did not give her a wider field for labor in the work in which she seems so deeply interested. That the hearty thanks of this Grand Body are due and hereby tendered and expressed to the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron.

We further recommend that the address of each be printed in full in the proceedings of this session.

JAMES R. DONNELL,
MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS,
SAMUEL L. C. RHODES.

CREDENTIALS.

D. C. Young, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully report that they find the following named persons present, who are entitled to seats in this Grand Body:

Mrs. Mary A. Flint, M. W. Grand Matron.
Jefferson S. Conover, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Mount, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
Benjamin Lynds, R. W. A. Grand Patron.
Rev. Willis D. Engle, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, W. Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, W. Grand Adah.
Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, W. Grand Martha.

ARKANSAS:

Mrs. Hattie E. Penn, Grand Matron.
James R. Donnell, Grand Patron.
Mrs. S. C. Reynolds, A. Grand Matron.
John G. Holland, A. Grand Patron.

CALIFORNIA:

Thomas Flint, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary A. Flint, P. Grand Matron.

ILLINOIS:

Mrs. Sopha C. Scott, Grand Matron.
E. L. Palmer, M. D., Grand Patron.
A. R. Candy, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. G. M., proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Jennie A. Walker, P. Grand Matron.
John F. Dickinson, P. Grand Patron.
Daniel G. Burr, P. Grand Patron.

INDIANA:

Mrs. Mary E. Mason, Grand Matron.
Edward J. Church, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Augusta V. Hunter, A. Grand Matron.
F. W. Fanning, A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Carrie M. Fanning, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary A. Comstock, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. Spitler, P. Grand Matron.
Willis D. Engle, P. Grand Patron.
Henry G. Thayer, P. Grand Patron.
Martin H. Rice, P. Grand Patron.
Geo. C. Doreland, P. Grand Patron.
Wm. G. Burnett, P. Grand Patron.
James W. Morrison, P. Grand Patron.

IOWA:

Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, P. Grand Matron.

KANSAS:

Mrs. Lottie E. Young, Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary A. Hepler, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, P. Grand Matron.
D. C. Young, P. Grand Patron.

MASSACHUSETTS:

Mrs. Mary P. Lloyd, proxy for Grand Patron and Associate Grand Matron.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, proxy for Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

MISSOURI:

Mrs. Mary E. Lynds, P. G. M., and proxy for Grand Matron and Associate Grand Matron.
Wm. McCully, P. G. P., and proxy for Grand Patron.
Sam'l L. C. Rhodes, P. G. P., and proxy for Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary J. Wash, P. Grand Matron.
Miss Flora M. Clarkson, P. Grand Matron.
Benjamin Lynds, P. Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA:

Edwin Davis, P. G. P., and proxy for Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Mount, P. Grand Matron.

OHIO:

Robert T. King, Grand Patron, and proxy for Associate Grand Matron.

MICHIGAN:

Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Grand Matron.
C. Waterbury, Grand Patron.
Mrs. O. L. Davidson, A. Grand Matron.
C. R. Huchinson, A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Sarah L. Marsh, P. Grand Matron.
Jefferson S. Conover, P. Grand Patron.

MONTANA:

Mrs. Lizzie O. Marsh, Representative for Butte Chapter No. 2, Butte City.

MINNESOTA.

Your committe find credentials purporting to come from two different Grand Chapters in the State, and desire to make no report concerning Minnesota until after the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred so much of the Most Worthy Grand Patron's address relating to the Minnesota matter.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. Young,
James R. Donnell,
Mrs. Mary E. Mason.

GREETING.

Communications of greeting were read from the following, which, upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, were ordered noted on the minutes.

R. C. Gaskill, P. M. W. Grand Patron, Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Grand Matron, John H. Gray, P. Grand Patron, of California, and Mrs. Mary B. Gilpin, Worthy Matron of Oakleaf Chapter No. 8, of Oakland, California.

Mrs. Francis E. Holroyd, Grand Matron, and Mrs. Francis R. Martin, Grand Secretary of Connecticut.

Mrs. Helen E. Macomber, Grand Treasurer of Indiana.

G. W. Clark, Grand Patron, and Mrs. Myra Mottram, P. Grand Matron, of Kansas.

E. M. Forber, Deputy for New Hampshire.

Mrs. Mary Martin, Grand Secretary of New Jersey.

Edwin Salvage, Grand Patron, and John J. Sproull, P. Grand Secretary of New York.

Mrs. Mattie E. Felton, Grand Matron of Ohio.

Mrs. Jeannette W. Ashley, P. Grand Matron of Illinois, Worthy Grand Ruth, and Joseph W. Hill, P. Grand Patron of Massachusetts, and Worthy Grand Marshal of this

Grand body, sent regrets that they were unable to be present.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin presented greeting from Jerome Spaulding, P. Grand Patron of California, who was chairman of the Committee on Revision of the Ritual. This was also ordered noted.

APPEAL.

Communications were presented from J. M. Agnayo and Alice N. Roberts, which, without reading, were referred to the Committee on Appeals and Grievances.

INVITATION.

Martin H. Rice, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Indiana, invited the members and visitors to attend a reception this evening, embracing a literary and musical entertainment given by Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, of Indianapolis, and to take a ride about the city to-morrow forenoon as the guests of the Indiana Grand Chapter, which was accepted.

The General Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment until 11 A. M. Thursday, by the Worthy Grand Marshal and upon order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

September 26, 1889.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 11 o'clock, Thursday morning, and was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Marshal, upon order of Mrs. Mary A. Flint, M. W. Grand Matron, who announced the appointment of the following

SPECIAL COMMITTEES:

On Our Distinguished Dead.—Robert T. King, Mrs. Mary E. Mount and Mrs. Lizzie O. Marsh.

On International Council of Women.—Mrs. Mary P. Lloyd, Mrs. Lottie E. Young and Mrs. Nettie Ransford.

RESOLUTION.

On motion of Jefferson S. Conover it was

Resolved, That the printed proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, on file with the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, shall be considered sufficient credentials to admit the proper Grand and Past Grand Officers named therein to representation in the General Grand Chapter, without requiring any special written certificate, and the Committee on Credentials is instructed to report accordingly at each session of this Grand Body. This rule, however, does not apply to proxies, who must have regular certificates of appointment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which, upon motion, was concurred in:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the printed proceedings of the last meeting, and find no unfinished business, except the report from the Committee on Ritual.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,
MRS. HATTIE E. PENN,
EDWIN DAVIS.

On motion of Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, the report of the Committee on Ritual was made the special order of business for the afternoon session.

On motion of James R. Donnell, it was ordered that the address of welcome given this General Grand Chapter by our worthy sister, Mary E. Mason, Grand Matron of Indiana, and the response by our Most Worthy Grand Matron, appear in their proper place in our printed proceedings.

On motion of Martin H. Rice, the election of officers was made the special order after the call of the committees this afternoon.

Henry G. Thayer moved that when this Grand Body call off it be until half-past 1 o'clock this afternoon.

On motion of Willis D. Engle, the hour was fixed at 2 o'clock.

The General Grand Chapter was then called to refreshment, until 2 o'clock P. M.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY.—AFTERNOON.

September 26, 1889.

The General Grand Chapter was called to order at 2 o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

REVISION OF RITUAL.

Mrs. Mary A. Hepler, from the Committee on Revision of Ritual, read the Ritual as proposed to be revised, and submitted the following:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Ritual respectfully report that they have no material change of the Ritual of the Order to recommend, so far as relates to the original design and construction of the work; but with regard to much of the seemingly useless verbiage which has been added by the General Grand Chapter, your committee recommend its elimination to the extent specified in the accompanying Ritual, which they submit as a part of their report.

Your committee further recommend that in all cases when the ballot-box is required to be used, it be placed upon the altar for the reception of the ballots, instead of being passed around the Chapter hall, thereby relieving the Conductress from unnecessary hardship,

and at the same time preserving in a greater degree the secrecy of the ballot.

Respectfully submited,

JEROME SPAULDING,
LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

SAINT LOUIS, MO., 1886.

SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Ritual respectfully report, that while the landmarks and esoteric work of the Order are unchangeable and must always be preserved, yet much depends upon the manner in which that work is rendered to give it the effect and force desired. As "brevity is the soul of wit," and much in the present Ritual seems a useless repetition, particularly in the several lectures, thereby making it wearisome to the candidate, we therefore recommend the changes as submitted by your committee in their report to this General Grand Chapter at its session, A. D. 1886, with some changes affixed.

We find this committee has also been instructed to formulate a suitable installation ceremony for the use of the General Grand Chapter, as also a form, style and pattern of regalia and other distinctive insignia for its officers. Your committee recommend that the installation ceremonies for the use of Grand Chapters as adopted and embodied in the present Ritual be adopted for the use of this Most Worthy Grand Body, with instructions that the necessary changes shall be made to meet the titles the several Most Worthy Grand Officers bear. They are also of opinion that the jewels, as prescribed and adopted for the use of this General Grand Chapter, should be sufficent insignia without any other regalia added thereto; as our sessions are only triennial, an elaborate regalia does not seem practical.

We would further recommend that the ceremonies for opening and closing Grand Chapters should be left to the respective Grand Chapters to formulate each for itself; as also a ceremony for constituting and inaugurating Chapters in their respective jurisdictions.

We have reviewed the Memorial Service, Chapter of Sorrow, of the Order of the Eastern Star, as arranged by Mrs. Addie C. S. Engle. We do most heartily indorse it as being all we would desire, both in beauty and expression, and take pleasure in recommending its use to the Order.

Your committee would further recommend that the General Grand Chapter so amend its constitution, that the first eight officers shall be elected, and that the *Landmarks of the Order*, as embodied in the Ritual, being the fundamental principles of the constitutional law, should be so recognized in the constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

JEROME SPAULDING,
MARY A. HEPLER,
LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

On motion of J. G. Holland, action on the report was deferred until after the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence.

CHARTERS.

Martin H. Rice, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following report, which, upon motion, was concurred in:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Charters, to whom was referred so much of the Most Worthy Grand Patron's address as pertains to charters granted, charters restored, charters revoked, charters refused, and the change of name and removal of chapters, submit the following report:

1. That so much as pertains to the granting of charters for new Chapters be approved, the necessary papers being on file in each case to warrant the issuing of a charter.

2. That so much as pertains to the revoking of the charter of Silver Spray Chapter No. 5, Washington Territory, be approved, the Chapter having failed to pay dues or make returns to the General Grand Chapter for several years.

3. That so much as pertains to the revoking of charter of Constellation Chapter No. 18, Saint Paul, Minnesota, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, it being a part of the action of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in the Minnesota case, now in the hands of that committee.

4. That so much as pertains to the refusal of a charter to organize a Chapter at Lockport, N. Y., be approved, Lockport being within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of New York.

5. That so much as pertains to the change of the name of Flora Chapter, Webster, Dakota, to Lois Chapter, and the name of Overcome Chapter, Bowdoinham, Maine, to Electa Chapter, and the removal of Savanna Chapter from Savanna, Indian Territory, to Lehigh, same Territory, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

MARTIN H. RICE,
MRS. MARY J. WASH,
MRS. LOTTIE E. YOUNG.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Edward J. Church, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following, which was not adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the amendment of Section 6, Article III, beg leave to report as follows: In our opinion, our Ritual is our work, and it should be carefully handled; every restriction that is possible to throw around it as a safeguard, should be commended, and as this amendment allows hasty and immediate changes, wherein injury might arise from inconsiderate legislation, we deem it unwise to concur in this amendment, and recommend that the law remain as it is.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CHURCH,
SAMUEL L. C. RHODES,
MRS. SOPHA C. SCOTT.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Edward J. Church, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

In the matter of Minnesota, your Committee on Jurisprudence, after consultation with members present at this meeting who represent both factions in the state of Minnesota, and after a careful consideration of all the facts in the case, and the limited time in which the Committee have to act, offer the following resolution as a basis upon which a settlement may be had:

Resolved, That the action of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, in recognizing the old Grand Chapter, of Minnesota, be confirmed by this General Grand Chapter; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter hereby instructs the Grand Chapter of Minnesota to send notice to all Chapters of the Order in the State, both within and without said Grand Chapter, to remit their annual dues, receive their reports; and said Grand Chapter shall, at or before the next regular meeting thereof, receive each of the delegates of said Subordinate Chapters to full membership in the Grand Chapter of Minnesota; and be it further

Resolved, That should the Grand Chapter of Minnesota refuse or fail to comply with these instructions in time for the next annual session of the Grand Chapter, it is hereby ordered that all recognition of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota and all Chapters of the Order in said State be withdrawn by this General Grand Chapter, and it is further ordered that all Chapters in said State that shall neglect or refuse to forward their dues and returns, as directed, shall forfeit their right to recognition, and shall be crossed from the roll of Chapters.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CHURCH,
SAMUEL L. C. RHODES,
MRS. SOPHA C. SCOTT.

Mrs. Jennie A. Walker called for a division of the question.

On motion the resolutions were each separately acted upon and adopted.

The report was, upon motion, then adopted as a whole.

AMENDMENT.

D. G. Burr moved the adoption of the amendment to Article III, Section 6, of the Constitution, offered by Willis D. Engle, which was concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

CREDENTIALS.

D. C. Young, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following which was adopted.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

We find the following Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers from Minnesota present and recommend that they be accorded seats and votes in this Grand Body:

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Mary E. Cooper, Grand Matron.
Leonard D. Valentine, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Susan C. Baldwin, proxy for Associate Grand Matron.
Dwight M. Baldwin, A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Helen A. Valentine, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Louise E. Jacoby, P. Grand Matron.
Solomon I. Wing, P. Grand Patron.

Willis D. Engle moved the adoption of the amendments to the Ritual as recommended by the Committee on Ritual, and which was adopted by a vote of 41 to 3.

The consideration of the remainder of the Ritual Committee's report was proceeded with.

On motion of Bro. Jefferson S. Conover, so much of the supplemental report as precedes and includes the recommendation of the "Memorial Service," by Mrs. Addie C. S. Engle, was adopted.

On motion of Bro. Jefferson S. Conover, the other two sections of the report were referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

FINANCE.

Mrs. Sarah L. Marsh, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was, upon motion, adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Finance report that they have examined the reports of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, compared their vouchers and books, finding the same correct.

We recommend that the following appropriations be made for expenses incurred and services of the officers named in the performance of their official duties: To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, $200.00; to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, $200.00; to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, $400.00.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

MRS. SARAH L. MARSH,
D. G. BURR,
MRS. R. EMILY LITTLE.

On motion of Martin H. Rice, the General Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 7:30 P. M.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY.—EVENING.

THURSDAY, September 26, 1889.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 7:30 P. M., pursuant to adjournment, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

J. G. Holland, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report, and upon motion of George C. Dorland, the same was concurred in:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances make the following report upon the matters referred to them:

1. In the matter of the petition of J. M. Agnayo, in a long petition the brother sets out a personal grievance arising out of a case of some alleged indignites offered to himself in Queen Esther Chapter No. 16, of Boston, Mass., about which, at his instance, the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, by a regularly appointed committee, made an investigation, and at its last session took such action as in its judgment the facts warranted. The action of the Grand Chapter is not appealed from, and even if the brother is wronged, this General Grand Chapter has not the right, nor would it be judicious to attempt any correction of such action upon a mere *exparte* statement as is the petition under consideration.

2. In the matter of the petition of Mrs. Alice N. Roberts. In 1871, petitioner, who was then the wife of a Master Mason, received the degrees of the Eastern Star, as we understand as a side degree of

Masonry. In 1875 her husband died, and afterward she married another Master Mason, who also died, while non-affiliated. Petitioner has never been a member of any Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star. In May last, she was refused membership in Ruth Chapter No. 2, Butte City, Montana, because the widow of a non-affiliated Master Mason. By this refusal she feels very much aggrieved, as the laws of the Order preclude the petitioner from membership in it. To your Committee there seems to be no further action necessary in the premises.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. HOLLAND,
MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK,
MRS. A. A. MATTESON.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Edward J. Church, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom were referred the several matters in the addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron, after a careful consideration make the following report:

That the appointment of Deputies by the Most Worthy Grand Patron be confirmed and we recommend that our Most Worthy Grand Patron in appointing Deputies for the installation of officers of the General Grand Chapter in future should appoint those who are members of said General Grand Chapter.

DECISIONS.

1. QUESTION. —Can persons who did not sign the petition for a charter be received as charter members at the organization of a Chapter?

Feeling that it will work to the detriment of Subordinate Chapters financially in depriving them of material, we approve of the action of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in this instance, and recommend that this General Grand Chapter make its own dicision and say *No.*

2. QUESTION. —Can an officer duly installed be tried for persistently neglecting to discharge the duties of her office or attending the meeting of the Chapter without reasonable excuse? If so, how long must such an officer be continued before subjecting the officer to charges?

If the officer be a Matron or Patron, Section 24, Rules and Regulations, for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, points out the plan of procedure. If it be another officer, elective or appointed, charges must be preferred and trial had as in any other offense.

We deem this procedure more in compliance with law and usages of harmony than the decision given, as it permits the Worthy Matron to be arbitrary and her powers as both judge and jury, and the sister or brother offending has no recourse.

3. QUESTION. Is there any law stating who may or who shall receive dimits?

All members of the Order of the Eastern Star, who are clear of the books and have no charges against them and are not installed officers, can dimit upon a written application stating that they are about to remove from the jurisdiction or intend to join another Chapter.

We recommend that all the other decisions be approved, and that the recognition of the Grand Chapters of Washington, Ohio, Indian Territory and South Dakota be approved, and that the edict of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, bearing date August 8, 1889, withdrawing recognition of this General Grand Chapter from the Grand Chapter of Ontario, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CHURCH,
SAMUEL L. C. RHODES,
MRS. SOPHA C. SCOTT.

On motion of J. G. Holland, the report was considered by sections.

Upon motion of Martin H. Rice, the words "stating that they are about to remove from the jurisdiction or intend to join another Chapter," after the word "application," in Decision No. 3, was stricken out.

The report, as amended, was then adopted as a whole.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. Samuel L. C. Rhodes, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following from the Special Committee's Report, which was acted upon by sections.

DECISIONS APPROVED BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

It is lawful for the Worthy Matron, at the Worthy Patron's request, to do such portions of the work of conferring the degrees as will secure the best results.—*Most Worthy Grand Patron Lamb, 1880.*

A Mason, who is not a member of this Order, can not be admitted to witness the secret work upon taking an obligation of secrecy. If such person has been so admitted in some state, and desires to join the Order, he can only do so by petitioning and receiving the degrees in due and regular form.—*Ib.*

The ceremony known as the "Floral Work" can not be used as an addition to or in connection with the prescribed ceremony of initiation.—*Ib.*

The stepdaughter of a Master Mason, can be received into this Order.—*Most Worthy Grand Patron Willis Brown, 1883.*

General Grand Chapter reversed this decision at session of 1883.

The half sister of a Master Mason in good standing is eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.—*Ib.*

Payment of *per capita* tax of twenty-five cents on each member of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall commence January 1, 1884.—*Most Worthy Grand Patron Gaskill, 1886.*

The initation fee is five dollars in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and no Chapter has the right to confer the degrees for a less sum.—*Ib.*

It is not proper and in accordance with law, to admit Master Masons to our Chapter meetings, who are not members of our Order, and it should not be permitted.—*Ib.*

The standing of a sister is not affected by the expulsion of her husband from the Masonic Order. Nothing but her own misconduct affects her standing.—*Ib.*

A person who has lost an arm can not be received into our Order. —*Ib.*

A person can not hold an office in the General Grand Chapter who holds no membership in any Subordinate Chapter.—*Most Worthy Grand Matron Jennie E. Mathews, 1886.*

DECISIONS NOT ACTED UPON BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The following decisions were made by the officers named, but no action has been taken upon them by the General Grand Chapter. Your committee recommend that they be considered by this Grand Body, and either approved or disapproved, that there be no misunderstanding in the minds of members concerning them:

1. A person who has received the degrees of the Order of the Eastern Star, by sight, in a lawful manner, but who has not affiliated, with any Chapter, would not be required to go through the ceremony of

initiation, but could become a member of a Chapter by affiliation, as though a member of a Chapter under a dimit.—*Most Worthy Grand Patron Brown, 1883.*

2. The question of a Chapter recommending the petition of members of the Order for a charter to organize a Chapter in the same town or city, is not properly subject to a ballot vote.—*Ib.*

In regard to the *opinions* of Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, in the year of 1883, and at that General Grand Chapter Session was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, they having failed to report upon same for reasons unknown to your committee, we not understanding the circumstances connected with the matter therein sufficient to approve the *opinions* of our Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, do recommend that they remain as they have for the past six years, without force.

SYNOPSIS OF LEGISLATION.

As a synopsis of the legislation of the General Grand Chapter during its existence, your committee would present the following:

This General Grand Chapter was organized November 16, 1876, with five Grand Chapters represented and pledging allegiance, viz.: New Jersey, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, and California, at which time the Constitution and Code of Laws were adopted.

The second session was held in Chicago, on May 8, 9, and 10, 1878, and the present Ritual was adopted at that time.

This session found the Grand Chapters of Kansas, Massachusetts, and Michigan added to our number, or eight in all.

The third meeting was held in Chicago, August 20, and 21, 1880, and found three more Grand Chapters added to our roll, viz.: Iowa, Minnesota and Nebraska.

Resolution adopted at this session, making Bro. Robert Morris's birthday, August 31st, a festal day for the Order.

The fourth session was held in San Francisco, August 17 to 23, 1883, with two additional Grand Chapters—Arkansas and Ontario—enrolled.

Article XVII of the Constitution, relating to amendments, was declared stricken out, but the resolution to amend was presented on the first day of the session, but not receiving a two-thirds vote, as required by constitutional law, the action was clearly illegal, and we recommend that it be declared void, and that the article stand as before 1883. Sections 4, and 5, were added to Article II., but this, and all amendments since that date, are illegal and void for reason given above. We recommend the re-enactment of these two sections.

Section 6, Rules and Regulations for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, reads:

No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than two dollars.

The fifth session was held at St. Louis, on September 23, 24 and 25, 1886.

The Grand Chapter of Texas reported added to the roll, and Mississippi declared dead. Ontario, also reported dormant.

The Constitution was amended by adding to Section 2, Article VI:

And each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in States and Territories where less than five Subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

This action was illegal and void, for same reasons given concerning Article XVII. We recommend that it be re-enacted.

The jewels of a Grand Chapter shall be the emblems within a star or a triangle, within a pentagon. The jewels of the General Grand Chapter shall be the emblems within a star or a triangle, within a circle. *Page 56, Proceedings, 1886.*

All deputies appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron must be brothers.—*Ib.*

Each deputy appointed, to whom is given general powers, shall have a special jurisdiction assigned him. *Ib.*

Your committee would recommend the following changes and amendments to our Constitutions and Laws:

ARTICLE II.

Amend Section 3:

By adding "or her" after "his" before "office," in third line.

Amend Section 4, as follows:

Omit "legally appointed" in first line. Substitute "he or she" for "they" in fourth line. Change "represent" to "represents" in fourth line.

ARTICLE III.

Amend Section 2:

By adding, after the words "where no Grand Chapter exists," in third line, the words, "and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause, may revoke and annul the same," and add, after the word "such," in the third line, the words, "Grand Chapter."

Add as a new Section to Article III, to be Section 3:

SECTION 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend, or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action, it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters already organized, in the territory of such Grand Chapter, until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

Re-number the remaining Sections of the Article.

ARTICLE VIII.

Amend Section 2:

By substituting "Matron" for "Patron" in first line, and "Patron" for "Matron" in the second line.

Strike out Section 4, and substitute in its place the following:

SECTION 4. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron, with the approval of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, may exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organization of new Chapters, and recognition of Grand Chapters, which shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, so approved by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be in force and binding until the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that Body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

Then transpose the Sections so that

Section 5 shall be Section 2.
Section 2 shall be Section 3.
Section 3 shall be Section 4.
Section 4 shall be Section 5.

ARTICLES X AND XI.

Transpose Articles X and XI, so that

Article XI shall be Article X.
Article X shall be Article XI.

This follows the order in which these officers are mentioned in Artice II.

ARTICLE XVI.

Amend Section 1:

By adding after "Chapter" in second line, the following: "within thirty days from the close of the session," and after "chairman" in

fourth line, the following: "and such committee shall continue until the close of the succeeding session of the General Grand Chapter. Within ten days after making such appointments, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees and the same shall be printed with the proceedings."

RULES OF ORDER.

Amend Rule III to read as follows, after the first paragraph:

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Filling of Vacancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Amend Section 5:

By striking out after the word "widows," in fourth line, the sentence, "Daughters and sisters must be at least eighteen years of age," and substitute, "No person shall be eligible to membership who is less than eighteen years of age."

All of which is respectfully submitted,

JEFFERSON S. CONOVER,
BENJAMIN LYNDS,
MARY A. FLINT,
Committee.

The decisions approved by the General Grand Chapter were left as reported with the adoption of the following:

On motion of Bro. Jefferson S. Conover, it was

Resolved, That it is the sense of this General Grand Chapter that the rendition of what is known as the "Floral Work" or "Floral

Addenda" is not prohibited if the candidate is fully instructed, that it does not constitute any part of the initiation ceremony.

The decision that the initiation fee in Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter be five doldars, was reversed.

DECISIONS NOT ACTED UPON BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The first decision was, on motion of Mrs. Mary A. Hepler, disapproved.

The second decision was approved.

The recommendation of the committee in regard to the *opinions* of Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. M. W. Grand Matron, six years ago, was upon motion adopted.

SYNOPSIS OF LEGISLATION.

The recommendation of the committee as to article XVII of Constitution was concurred in, as was also that relative to Section 2, Article VI.

The Section regarding jewels for the General Grand Chapter was amended, to conform to the Ritual as revised.

That in relation to appointment of Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was not adopted (leaving the resolution in force).

The proposed amendments to the Constitution was disposed of as follows:

Article VIII, Section 2, was approved.

Article VIII, Section 4, was approved, after striking out the words "with the approval of the Most Worthy Grand Patron" and "approved by the Most Worthy Grand Patron."

Transposition approved.

Article XVI, Section 1, to add after "Chapter" "ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter."

And after "Chairman," "and such committee shall continue until the close of the succeeding session thereof, within ten days after making such appointment, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committee."

Rules of Order, Rule III, approved.

Rules and Regulations, Section 5, approved.

The report of the committee, as amended, was adopted as a whole.

The amendments to the Constitution, recommended by the committee's report as amended, were adopted by a two-third vote.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Bro. Edward J. Church, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following report:

The committee also recommend that at the next meeting of this General Grand Chapter, an amendment, to the Constitution be presented for the consideration of this Grand Body, making the first eight officers of said General Grand Chapter elective, and that the Land Marks of the Order be incorporated in the Constitution, as Article——.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. CHURCH,
SAMUEL L. C. RHODES,
MRS. SOPHA C. SCOTT.

On motion of J. G. Holland, the report of the committee was concurred in.

FINANCE.

Mrs. Sarah L. Marsh, from the Committee on Finance, reported as follows:

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that in making the appropriations for officers as previously reported, intended to fix the salary of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. We therefore beg leave to amend the previous report by recommending that the salary of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, from October 1st next, be at the rate of four hundred dollars per annum.

We would also recommend that additional appropriations be made, as follows: to the Most Worthy Grand Matron, postage and stationery, $10; to the Most Worthy Grand Patron, postage and stationery, $20; to the Worthy Grand Sentinel, $15; for services of elevator boy, $6.

Also, that the Committee on Ritual be allowed a sufficient sum to cover railroad fare and hotel bills in attending the General Grand Chapter.

We would recommend that the Right Worthy Grand Secretary have printed five hundred copies each of the proceedings of the first and third sessions of this Grand Body, and eighteen hundred copies of the proceedings of this session.

That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary have plates made of the Ritual as amended at this session, and have the same printed in such quantities as may be deemed best.

And that the sum of Two Hundred dollars be allowed the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for rent in storage of goods for this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SARAH L. MARSH,
D. G. BURR,
MRS. R. EMILY LITTLE.

Bro. Jefferson S. Conover moved to amend the report by making the salary of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary five hundred dollars per year, which was adopted.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford moved that the allowance to the Worthy Grand Sentinel be twenty-five dollars, which was also adopted.

The report, as amended, was then, upon motion, adopted as a whole.

RESOLUTIONS.

Martin H. Rice submitted the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That Charles Strobeek and Charles L. Mayhem be and they are hereby recognized as Past Grand Patrons, and Mrs. Sophia M. Hodges and Mrs. Rozenth Mayhem be and they are hereby recognized as Past Grand Matrons of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota.

Bro. F. W. Fanning, offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to exchange the revised Ritual, as adopted by this General Grand Chapter, for all Rituals now in use, *free of charge*, and that all Rituals received in exchange shall be destroyed as fast as received by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. It is understood and agreed that the Rituals to be received in exchange are *those only* that were issued by this Grand Body.

On motion of Bro. Benjamin Lynds, the General Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until 9 o'clock Friday morning, by the Worthy Grand Marshal, and upon order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

September 27, 1889.

The General Grand Chapter re-assembled at 9 o'clock Friday morning, and was called to labor by the Worthy Grand Marshal upon order of Mrs. Mary A. Flint, M. W. Grand Matron.

THANKS.

Bro. Jefferson S. Conover offered the following, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter be extended to the Committee on Ritual for the able manner in which they have performed their work, which, being completed, be it further

Resolved, That the Committee be now discharged.

MEMORIAL.

Bro. Robert T. King, from the Committee on Our Distinguished Dead, submitted the following, which was adopted by a rising vote:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

It is with feelings of the most profound sorrow and regret that, at this sixth meeting of the General Grand Chapter, we are called upon to mourn the loss of those of our distinguished dead who have been called to their reward in that Higher Chapter above. This great

enemy of life first approached our Worthy Grand Sentinel, Bro. William M. Black, and overcame him and carried him away captive. The remembrance of his faithfulness and labors in our Order will be treasured in our memories.

This dreaded enemy, not being satisfied with this, entered the door of our General Grand Chapter, and assaulted our beloved Worthy Grand Warder, Sister Elizabeth Davis, having no compassion on those who stand in his way, thus removing from among our number one who had borne the heat and burden of the day, whose virtues and Christian character are commendable to those of us who have been spared to still continue the good work of building up our noble Order.

Next our common enemy has removed the first "Stone of the Corner," the founder of our beloved Order, Bro. Robert Morris. The light which he first caused to burn around our altars may it continue to shed its glorious light and heat in each of our hearts, and may it there continue to burn until the sun shall cease to rule the day.

Further, it has pleased the father of all mercies to call our beloved Brother, Dr. S. C. Chorlton, Deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron for Ohio. He was the founder of the Order in Ohio, and a very zealous and faithful worker. It was through his efforts that the Grand Chapter of Ohio was organized.

For these we mourn, and would offer the following:

Resolved, That in the death of Bro. Wm. M. Black, our faithful Sentinel, this General Grand Chapter has lost a faithful officer and brother. That in the death of Sister Elizabeth Davis, our Worthy Grand Warder, the extent of the sorrow will never be known. That in the death of Bro. Robert Morris, the Order throughout this grand jurisdiction has lost its first advocate and great promoter, for which our hearts and altars have been draped in mourning. That in the death of Bro. S. C. Chorlton we have sustained a great loss, as he was a true and faithful brother among us. We would extend to the members in Ohio the condolence of this General Grand Chapter.

Resolved, further, That the sympathy of this General Grand Chapter be extended to the families and friends of Our Distinguished Dead, and that a memorial page in our proceedings be set apart for each of these.

ROBERT T. KING,
MRS. MARY E. MOUNT,
MRS. LIZZIE O. MARSH.

COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Mrs. Mary P. Lloyd, from the Committee on International Council of Women, submitted the following, which was adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee to consider the communications from the International Council of Women would say that, while they are in favor of all movements for the elevation of women, they think it not expedient to become auxiliary to the Council at present.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY P. LLOYD,
MRS. LOTTIE E. YOUNG,
MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.

Invitations were extended to members and visitors to attend the coming meetings of the Grand Chapters of Michigan and Illinois.

RULINGS.

1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron ruled that an officer of the General Grand Chapter, who is also a Past Grand Patron or Past Grand Matron, is entitled to but one vote in this Grand Body.

2. That a present Grand Patron or Grand Matron, who is also a Past Grand Patron or Past Grand Matron, is not entitled to vote as a Past Grand Officer.

3. That a Past Grand Patron or Past Grand Matron holding a proxy is entitled to cast a vote as a Past Grand Officer and also the votes to which he or she is entitled to as such proxy.

ELECTION.

The hour for the special order, the election of Grand Officers, having arrived, the Most Worthy Grand Matron

appointed Bro. Thomas Flint and Mrs. A. A. Matteson as tellers, and the election resulted in the choice of the following:

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, M. W. Grand Matron.
Benjamin Lynds, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
James R. Donnell, R. W. A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriett A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

On motion of Bro. William McCully, a committee of three was appointed to report at the afternoon session as to the place of holding the next regular meeting.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced as such committee William McCully, James R. Donnell and Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews.

On motion of Bro. Samuel L. C. Rhodes, the General Grand Chapter was called to refreshment until half past 2 o'clock this afternoon.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—AFTERNOON.

September 27, 1889.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 2.30 P. M., pursuant to adjournment, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That a special committee of three be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the retiring Right Worthy Grand Secretary, make an inventory of all property belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and attend to the transfer of all books and property to the incoming Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Resolution adopted and Martin H. Rice, Henry G. Thayer and Wm. H. Smythe were named as such Committee.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Bro. William McCully presented the following report, which was adopted:

We, the committee appointed to recommend the next place for the meeting of this General Grand Chapter, do strongly recommend Columbus, Ohio.

WILLIAM MCCULLY,
MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS,
JAMES R. DONNELL.

The minutes of the proceedings of the opening and subsequent sessions up to the present were read and approved.

PERSONAL.

By unanimous consent, Mrs. Addie C. S. Engle addressed the General Grand Chapter and expressed her thanks to the Committee on Revision of Ritual for their kindly commendation of the Chapter of Sorrow service which she had prepared, and to the General Grand Chapter for the hearty manner in which it had indorsed the same.

APPOINTED GRAND OFFICERS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron elect announced the appointment of the following:

Robert T. King, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. A. A. Matteson, W. Grand Conductress.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, W. Grand Associate Conductress.
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, W. Grand Adah.
Mrs. Mary E. Cooper, W. Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Emily J. Scott, W. Grand Esther.
Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Helen Edmiston, W. Grand Electa.
Mrs. May H. Monks, W. Grand Warder.
Mrs. Sarah W. Burns, W. Grand Sentinel.
John Rennie, W. Grand Marshal.

The Grand Officers elected and appointed were then duly installed by the retiring M. W. Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary A. Flint, assisted by Mrs. Mary A. Hepler and Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, acting as Grand Marshals.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, W. Grand Adah, California; Mrs. Emily J. Scott, W. Grand Esther, Nebraska; Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, W. Grand Martha, Texas; Mrs. Helen Edmiston, W. Grand Electa, Washington; Mrs. May H. Monks, W. Grand Warder, So. Dakota; John Rennie, W.

Grand Marshal, Indian Territory, were absent and will be installed by Deputy.

THANKS.

Bro. Martin H. Rice offered the following, which, upon motion, was adopted by a unanimous vote:

Resolved, That the most hearty thanks of this General Grand Chapter are hereby extended to our retiring M. W. Grand Matron, Sister Mary A. Flint, and M. W. Grand Patron, Bro. Jefferson S. Conover, and their Associate Grand Officers, for the very efficient and satisfactory manner in which they have controlled the affairs of this Grand Body during the past three years.

Bro. John F. Dickinson presented the following, which, upon motion, was adopted by a unanimous rising vote:

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter hereby expresses its thanks to the Grand Chapter of Indiana and Queen Esther Chapter No. 3, of Indianapolis, for the ample accommodations provided for this meeting, for the entertainment so successfully carried out through their committees for its enjoyment, for the beautiful decoration of this Chapter room, and also for their thoughtfulness in appropriately draping the station of our deceased Worthy Grand Warder.

Mrs. Mary A. Flint expressed her gratitude to the sisters and brothers of Indiana for the many courtesies extended to herself and to the members and visitors of the General Grand Chapter during the session.

Bro. Robert T. King, Grand Patron of Ohio, assured the members present who voted to name his City and State as the place for the next meeting that they should receive a right royal welcome.

Bro. Martin H. Rice, first to welcome, was last to express in words few but weighty, the appreciation of the honor felt by Indiana in being permitted to greet the General Grand Chapter in Triennial Session in the beau-

tiful City of Indianapolis, where thirteen years before it had been formally organized. He noted its rapid growth and bespoke for the Order of the Eastern Star in future, that kind consideration at the hands of the Masonic fraternity as had been made manifest in the past.

Prayer was offered by Bro. Robert T. King, V. W. Grand Chaplain.

No other business appearing, the General Grand Chapter closed its Sixth Triennial Session, to hold its next meeting in the City of Columbus, Ohio.

NETTIE RANSFORD,

M. W. Grand Matron.

BENJAMIN LYNDS,

M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:

Lorraine J. Pilkin

R. W. Grand Secretary.

CHAPTERS

UNDER IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule, No. 1, Prescot.
White Mountain, No. 2, Globe.
Alsap, No. 3, Phœnix.
Mount Frisco, No. 4, Flagstaff.

COLORADO.

Colorado, No. 2, Leadville.
Adah, No. 4, Aspen.
Garden City, No. 5, Greeley.

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan, No. 2, Salmon City.
Ruth, No. 3, Pocatello.

KENTUCKY.

Queen Esther, No. 1, Louisville.
Union, No. 2, DeKoven.

LOUISIANA.

Rob. Morris, No. 1, New Orleans.

MAINE.

Adah, No. 1, Biddeford.
Electa, No. 2, Bowdoinham.

MARYLAND.

Alpha, No. 1, Baltimore.

MONTANA.

Miriam, No. 1, Helena.
Ruth, No. 2, Butte City.
Esther, No. 3, Townsend.

NEVADA.

Electa, No. 2, Austin.
Esther, No. 3, Carston.
Adah, No. 4, Reno.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Olivi Branch, No. 1, Lancaster.
Eureka, No. 2, Colebrook.

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther, No. 1, Raton.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Lady Washington, No. 8, Jamestown.

OREGON.

Alpha, No. 1, Ashland.
Eugene City, No. 2, Eugene City.
Adarel, No. 3, Jacksonville.
Cottage Grove, No. 4, Cottage Grove.
Oriential, No. 5, Lakeview.
Beulah, No. 6, Coquelle City.
Roseburg, No. 8, Roseburg.
St. Mary's, No. 9, Corrallis.
Forest Grove, No. 10, Forest Grove.
Esther, No. 11, Baker City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Wyoming, No. 1, Pittston.
Keystone, No. 2, Duke Centre.

TENNESSEE.

Esther, No. 1, Difficilt.

WYOMING.

Alpha, No. 1, Laramie.

* Active Chapters in States and Territories, 39; membership, 2,013.

GRAND CHAPTERS,

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis, Indiana, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Benjamin Lynds, Saint Louis, Missouri, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas City, Kansas, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

James R. Donnell, Greenbrier, Arkansas, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, 1471 Fulton St. Chicago, Illinois, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Anamosa, Iowa, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Sallie C. Reynolds, Regno, Grand Matron.
James R. Donnell, Greenbrier, Grand Patron.
J. C. Higgs, Conway, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Annie E. Brigg, Hollister, Grand Matron.
Jesse B. Fuller, Marysville, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Kate J. Willats, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Sue. M. Simpson, Peoria, Grand Matron.
E. L. Palmer, M. D., Noble, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary A. Beale, Gross Park, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Mary E. Masen, Bluffton, Grand Matron.
Edward J. Church, La Porte, Grand Patron.
William H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Mary E. McClure, Oklohomo City, Grand Matron.
John Rennie, Lehigh, Grand Patron.
Edmond H. Doyle, McAlester, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Anamosa, Grand Matron.
H. I. Jackson, Monticello, Grand Patron.
Eugene B. Dyke, Charles City, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Lottie E. Young, Ottawa, Grand Matron.
George W. Clark, Lyons, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Rinda E. Chesney, Topeka, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. Anna E. Bullard, Westboro, Grand Matron.
Robert C. Huntress, Stoneham, Grand Patron.
Daniel Seagrave, Worcester, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. O. L. Davidson, Grand Rapids, Grand Matron.
James J. Decker, Omer, Grand Patron.
T. Phillips, Hastings, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Victoria C. Little, Tracy, Grand Matron.
Charles L. Davis, Red Wing, Grand Patron.
Mrs. M. Louise Lewis, Farmington, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Hattie M. Warner, Kansas City, Grand Matron.
John R. Parson, Saint Louis, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, Saint Louis, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Emily J. Scott, Osceola, Grand Matron.
William N. Nason, Omaha, Grand Patron.
Rev. H. A. Guild, Lincoln, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Mrs. Mattie E. Felton, Cleveland, Grand Matron.
Robert T. King, Columbus, Grand Patron.
Mrs. M. C. Mitchel, Eaton, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. May H. Monks, Watertown, Grand Matron.
J. H. Baldwin, St. Lawrence, Grand Patron.
Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, San Antonia, Grand Matron.
J. W. Ellender, Cedar Bayou, Grand Patron.
Stephen Gould, San Antonia, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Mrs. Helen E. Edmiston, Dayton, Grand Matron.
Edward R. Hare, Tacoma, Grand Patron.
B. W. Coiver, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

INDEPENDENT.

CONNECTICUT.

Mrs. Sarah U. Wright, New Haven, Grand Matron.
Frank G. Bassett, Seymour, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Francis R. Martin, New Haven, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Mrs. Ellen W. Cole, Jersey City, Grand Matron.
James Martin, Paterson, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Martin, Paterson, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

Mrs. Helen A. Robins, Northport, Grand Matron.
Edwin Selvage, Brooklyn, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Christiana Buttrick, New York City, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Mrs. S. J. Fairman, Windsor, Grand Matron.
James E. Curran, Montpelier, Grand Patron.
H. L. Stillson, Bennington, Grand Secretary.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

WHO ARE CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Arkansas	October 2, 1876	October	90	3,094
California	May 8, 1873	October	87	5,565
Illinois	November 6, 1875	October	128	5,802
Indiana	May 6, 1874	April	86	3,105
Indian Territory	July 11, 1889	June	6	233
Iowa	July 30, 1878	September	55	2,679
Kansas	October 18, 1878	March	64	3,243
Massachusetts	December 11, 1876	June	20	1,891
Michigan	October 31, 1867	October	40	2,200
Minnesota	June 27, 1878	October	10	350
Missouri	October 13, 1875	August	35	1,766
Nebraska	June 22, 1875	June	13	612
Ohio	July 28, 1889	July	5	261
South Dakota	July 10, 1889	July	6	268
Washington	June 12, 1889	June	9	450
Texas	May 5, 1884	October	42	2,057
		Total,	696	33,567

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, Organized November 16, 1876; Active Chapters, 39; Total Membership, 2,013.

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GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Connecticut	August 11, 1874	October	25	1,678
New Jersey	July 18, 1870	September	8	483
New York	November 3, 1870	June	38	2,139
Veromnt	June 3, 1874	June	19	1,000
		Total,	90	5,300

In Memoriam.

ROBERT MORRIS,

FOUNDER OF THE

Order Eastern Star.

Born near Boston, Massachusetts, August 31, 1818.

Died at La Grange, Kentucky, July 31 1888.

"And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believeth thou this?"

In Memoriam.

ELIZABETH C. DAVIS,

WORTHY GRAND WARDER

OF THE

General Grand Chapter,

1886-1889.

PAST GRAND MATRON OF NEBRASKA.

Born, Vermillion County, Illinois, May 26, 1848.

Died, Omaha, Nebraska, June 7, 1889.

"I have finished my course,
I have kept the faith."

In Memoriam.

WILLIAM M. BLACK,

WORTHY GRAND SENTINAL

OF THE

General Grand Chapter,

1876-1887.

Born, Erie County, Pennsylvania, January 1, 1811.

Died, Indianapolis, Indiana, August 9, 1887.

"He is not dead, but sleepeth.
Thy Brother shall rise again."

In Memoriam.

HENRIETTA WHITCHER,

WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTRESS

OF THE

General Grand Chapter.

1876-1878.

Born, Blenheim, Canada West, April 11, 1827.

Died, San Diego, California, January 8, 1888.

Sister Whitcher was the first Worthy Matron of Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S., Oakland. Past Grand Secretary and Past Grand Matron of the Grand Chapter of California.

"Not lost, but gone before."

In Memoriam.

JEREMIAH E. WHITCHER,

RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON

OF THE

General Grand Chapter.

1876-1878.

Born, Andover, New Hampshire, June 13, 1817.

Died, Oakland, California, January 24, 1888.

Brother Whitcher was the first Worthy Patron of Oak Leaf Chapter, No. 8, O. E. S., Oakland, and Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California.

"They have passed through the valley of the shadow,
to that silent shore,
Where billows never break, nor tempests roar."

In Memoriam.

S. C. CHORLTON, M. D.,

DEPUTY OF THE MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON,

Order Eastern Star,

1883-1889.

Died, Columbus, Ohio, May 1, 1889.

Brother Chorlton was the first Worthy Patron of Lorraine Chapter, No. 1, O. E. S., Columbus, organized December 6, 1884.

"Now resting with the faithful, wait the Master's
gracious will,
The summons to the Lodge above that crowns
the Heavenly Hill."

In Memoriam.

ANNA V. LAKEN,

GRAND MATRON OF THE GRAND CHAPTER,

Order Eastern Star,

OF INDIANA

AT THE TIME OF HER DEATH.

Born, May 17, 1843.

Died, Terre Haute, Indiana, February 19, 1889.

"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil."

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER

OF THE

Order of the Eastern Star,

AS AMENDED, SEPTEMBER, 1889.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be—

Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, or their legally appointed proxies, and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. A proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing, in some legally constituted Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers he or she represents and must be a member of such Grand Chapter.

SEC. 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it is reserved to the Grand Chapters, subordinate Chapters, and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all States and other territory where no grand Chapter exists, and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause, may revoke and annul the same until such Grand Chapter shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend, or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters already organized in the territory of such Grand Chapter until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

SEC. 4. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 5. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work, and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 6. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter, must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two thirds vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

OF STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet at least once in five years, at such time and place as the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall determine, due notice of the same being given to the Order, but may meet oftener if it so orders, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meeting.

OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days' notice thereof.

OF A QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

Treasurer, shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

SEC. 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are Sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and all who are Brothers, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the offices of Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

OF VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron present, shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Matron, the Grand Patron, ron, the Associate Grand Matron, and the Associate Grand Patron, or their proxies, one vote each. And each subordinate Chapter under the immediate Jurisdiction of this

General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in States and Territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a sister and a brother, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the bretheren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each Charter, to form a new Chapter where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter may levy such contributions as in its judgment shall be required, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed two cents per annum for each paying member.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at her pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand

Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem.*

SEC. 3. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to grant charters to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 5. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organization of new Chapters and recognition of Grand Chapters, which shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be in force and binding until the the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that Body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter; and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy, by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy

Associate Grand Matron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary,

First—To record all the transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his or her attestation to all instruments emanating from that Body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof, in proper books, and pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report; also, of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter, and at the end of the term of his or her office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Very Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3 The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any State, country, district, republic or Territory, a Grand Chapter may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction; nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first

next preceeding. These reports shall include the names and postoffice address of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled, and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinates under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is no Grand Chapter, upon proper application: *provided,* No new Chapter shall be formed in any town where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

SEC. 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1, of this Article, shall make annual returns to the General

Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number remaining members.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter the following standing committees, of not less than three members each, the first named to be chairman, and such committees shall continue until the close of the succeeding session thereof; within ten days after making such appointment the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees.

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finance, Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to wit:

ON CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Grand Chapter represented.

ON FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means to examine the books and

vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take in consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measures which, in their opinion, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

ON UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

ON JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

ON APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth.—It shall be the duty of the Committe on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

ON CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Grand Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and their By-Laws when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, in-

formal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Chapters organized since the previous stated meeting, and the proceedings of the General Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR

CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS

OF THE

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there are a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the General Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem*, and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

II. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution inquires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

III. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Filling of Vancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the Constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question, without permission of the presiding officer, or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. All question shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or

roll-call. When voting by hand vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to such member by the Constitution.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off, and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action. And in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding officer, may be reprimanded, suspended or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-thirds vote.

DECISIONS

APPROVED BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

BUT NOT INCORPORATED IN THE

CONSTITUTION.

FROM 1876 TO 1889 INCLUSIVE.

It is lawful for the Worthy Matron, at the Worthy Patron's request, to do such portions of the work of conferring the degrees as will secure the best results.—*M. W. Grand Patron Thomas M. Lamb,* 1880.

A Mason, who is not a member of this Order, can not be admitted to witness the secret work upon taking an obligation of secrecy. If such person has been so admitted in some state, and desires to join the Order, he can only do so by petitioning and receiving the degrees in due and regular form.—*M. W. Grand Patron Thomas M. Lamb.* 1880.

The half sister of a Master Mason in good standing is eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Willis Brown*, 1883.

Payment of *per capita* tax of twenty-five cents on each member of Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter shall commence January 1, 1884.—*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill*, 1886.

It is not proper and in accordance with law, to admit Master Masons to our Chapter meetings, who are not members of our Order, and it should not be permitted.—*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill*, 1886.

The standing of a sister is not affected by the expulsion of her husband from the Masonic Order. Nothing but her own misconduct affects her standing.—*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill*, 1886.

A person who has lost an arm can not be received into our Order. —*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill*, 1886.

A person can not hold an office in the General Grand Chapter who holds no membership in any Subordinate Chapter.—*Most Worthy Grand Matron Jennie E. Mathews*, 1886.

The question of a Chapter recommending the petition of members of the Order for a charter to organize a Chapter in the same town or city, is not properly subject to a ballot vote.—*M. W. Grand Patron Willis Brown*, 1883.

The jewels of a Grand Chapter shall be the emblems within a star or a triangle, within a pentagon.—*Page* 56, *Proceedings*, 1886.

The jewels of the General Grand Chapter shall be the Grand Chapter jewels within a circle.

All deputies appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron must be brothers.—*Page* 56, *Proceedings*, 1886.

Each deputy appointed, to whom is given general powers, shall have a special jurisdiction assigned him.—*Page* 50, *Proceedings*, 1886.

The "Floral Work" or "Floral Addenda" is not prohibited if the candidate is fully instructed.—*Page* 78, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Depuities appointed to install officers of the General Grand Chapter must be members of said General Grand Chapter.—*Page* 72, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Persons not signing the petition for a charter cannot be received as charter members, at the organization of the chapter.—*Page* 72, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Festal day of the Order, Robert Morris's birthday, Aug. 31st.—*Page* 22, *Proceedings*, 1880.

Mothers, sisters and daughters of deceased Master Masons, who were affilliated and in good standing in a lodge at the time of their death, are elligible to the degrees of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Jefferson S. Conover*, *Page* 26, *proceedings*, 1889.

A legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason can be received into the Order of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Jefferson S. Conover*, *Page* 25, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Sisters and Daughters of Master Masons, must be eighteen years of age to be elligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star. —*M. W. Grand Patron Jefferson S. Conover, Page* 25, *Proceedings*, 1889.

All members of the Order of the Eastern Star who are clear of the books and have no charges against them and are not an installed officer, can demit upon written application.—*Page* 73, *Proceedings*, 1889.

That the Landmarks of the Order be incorporated in the Constitution, as article.....—*Page* 80, *Proceedings*, 1889.*

* The records do not show that this was adopted by a two-third vote, hence the *Landmarks* are not printed as a part of the Constitution as recommended by the Jurisprudence Committee.—*Page 80, Proceedings 1889.*

OREGON.

Grand Chapter of Oregon was organized October 3, 1889, with ten active Chapters participating by representation, with a total membership of 557; electing the following:

Mrs. J. M. McCall, Ashland, Grand Matron,
Robert A. Miller, Jacksonville, Grand Patron,
Mrs. Josephine D. Crocker, Ashland, Grand Secretary. *

* The above reached the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary too late for classification.

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The next meeting of the General Grand Chapter will be held in Columbus, Ohio, time to be set by the first five officers acting as a committee.

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H. H. HINDS, P. G. P., Stanton, Michigan, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, P. G. M., Chicago, Illinois, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

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MRS. B. J. McCLINTOCK, P. G. M., Garrettsville, Ohio, Worthy Grand Adah.

MRS. MARY E. WAKEFIELD, P. G. M., Kansas City, Missouri, Worthy Grand Ruth.

MRS. EVA M. HOLLINGER, P. G. M., Terre Haute Indiana, Worthy Grand Esther.

MRS. MARY E. McCLURE, P. G. M., Oklahoma City, Indian Territory, Worthy Grand Martha.

MRS. LOUISA E. JACOBY, P. G. M., Minneapolis, Minnesota, Worthy Grand Electa.

MRS. MATTIE MURRAY, East Las Vegas, New Mexico, Worthy Grand Warder.

WM. H. MOUNT, Omaha, Nebraska, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

JOSEPH HALL, Wheeling, West Virginia, Worthy Grand Marshal.

Proceedings.

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in the Seventh Triennial Session in Oddfellows' Hall in the City of Columbus, on Thursday, September 15th, A. D. 1892, at 10.30 A. M., and was called to order by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, M. W. Grand Matron.

Grand Officers present :

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD, M. W. Grand Matron.

BENJAMIN LYNDS, M. W. Grand Patron.

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN, R. W. A. Grand Matron.

JAMES R. DONNELL, R. W. A. Grand Patron.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MRS. HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

ROBERT T. KING, V. W. Grand Chaplain.

MRS. R. EMILY LITTLE, W. G. Associate Conductress.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE, W. Grand Adah.

MRS. LIZZIE HADLEY, W. Grand Martha.

MRS. SARAH W. BURNS, W. Grand Sentinel.

Appointments to fill vacancies were made as follows:

MRS. IDA J. MARTIN, W. Grand Conductress.

MRS. EDNA L. HEDGES, W. Grand Ruth.

MRS. MARY H. MARTIN, W. Grand Esther.

MRS. MARY E. WAKEFIELD, W. Grand Electa.

MRS. VICTORIA C. LITTLE, W. Grand Warder.

EDWIN DAVIS, W. Grand Marshal.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported that a constitutional number of Grand Chapters were represented to constitute a quorum. The Most Worthy Grand Matron proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter in due form. Prayer by the Very Worthy Grand Chaplain. Mrs. Carrie O. Getty, Grand Matron of Kansas, as Grand Organist. By instruction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal made the proclamation that the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was duly open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Bro. Samuel L. C. Rhodes, the reading of the minutes of the last session of the General Grand Chapter was dispensed with, as printed copies were in the hands of the members.

There being no objections, the Most Worthy Grand Matron deferred announcing the appointment of Committees until the afternoon session.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON'S ADDRESS.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then read her address as follows:

Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Time has recorded three cycles since last we met, and so rapid has been the flight, that but for the necessary change of date at the beginning of each cycle, it might have been counted as one.

In its passage, however, it left its freightage of joy or sorrow, sunshine, or shadow, and touched each individual life with some mark of its favor or of its storm.

Three years since we bade farewell, and each wished the other "God speed." We clasp hands and hail each other as sister and brother, members of one family, pledged to "perform no act of injustice or unkindness" each to the other, but contrawise "to aid, comfort and protect each other."

I greet you, and bid you welcome to this family reunion, and trust that the gleanings you bring are such as shall conduce to the best interests of the Order; that individual differences, prejudices and aspirations—if any there be—are subservient to that which shall promise to bring to the Order at large the greatest measure of harmony and prosperity.

When you placed in my hand the emblem of authority with its added responsibility by the change of constitution making the Most Worthy Grand Matron the chief executive during the vacation of the General Grand Chapter, I realized that the position was one not of honor alone, and that its duties would require time, thought and wisdom; that the demands in either might be beyond my ability to meet, yet the

office came to me unsought, and I assumed its obligations with the hope and in the trust, that "by the aid of my sisters and brothers, and the favor of God," I might not prove wholly unworthy of the confidence reposed in me: That wherein I failed, you would supplement when I brought for your binding my three years gleanings; that you would separate the chaff from the wheat, and allow nothing to be garnered for future use but such as should pass the inspection of the most careful husbandman.

I shall be most honored, when you shall have most carefully considered the various measures that come to you through my report of duties discharged, and having tested each by the principles of Truth, Honor and Justice, shall approve or reverse, as shall seem to insure harmony and unity.

On the threshold of our duty let us pause to offer thanks to the Author of all good for the many blessings that have been vouchsafed to us as individuals and as an Order, and to pay our tribute of love and sympathy with those who are resting under the shadow of bereavement.

At many a household has the unwelcome messenger called since last we met, and from our own ranks have fallen standard bearers.

Without especial warning Past Most Worthy Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill was called to his rest, and the following circular was sent to the members of the Order:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,

ORDER EASTERN STAR.

What comfort, when with clouds of woe
The heart is burdened and must weep,
To feel that pain must end—to know,
"He giveth His beloved sleep."

Again is the General Grand Chapter bereaved by the call from earth's labors of Brother Rollin C. Gaskill. The summons is intensely saddened, because of its suddenness.

After the close of the Triennial Conclave, held at Washington, D. C., in October last, Brother Gaskill paid a visit to his childhood's home in Vermont, and had turned his face homeward, when he was stricken with the severe illness which closed his earthly pilgrimage.

He was a man of strong individuality and warm friendship, and zealous in a marked degree in whatever he engaged. He served as Worthy Patron of Oakleaf Chapter, No. 8, of Oakland, to which he belonged, and served two years as Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter of California. He also served the General Grand Chapter as Most Worthy Grand Patron from 1883 to 1886. The funeral occurred at Oakland, California, which city had for many years been his home.

He is at rest, and to those who mourn we tender our heartfelt sympathy.

NETTIE RANSFORD,
M. W. Grand Matron.
BENJAMIN LYNDS,
M. W. Grand Patron.
LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

CHICAGO, December ,1889.

Only two months since, Brother Albert H. Kaiser, Past Grand Patron of Indiana, after months of patient waiting, was called home to rest. He was a member of this body when it met in Chicago in 1880, as Associate Grand Patron of Indiana, and also in San Francisco, in 1883, as Grand Patron of Indiana, and was an earnest, devoted member.

I recommend that memorial pages be placed in these proceedings as a tribute of our respect.

DEPUTIES APPOINTED.

I have appointed the following deputies for the duties stated :

December 3d, 1889, I appointed Mrs. Francis E. Ryder, Past Grand Matron, to install Grand Matron Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, of Oakland, California, as Worthy Grand Adah. The duty was performed April 24th, 1890.

December 3d, 1889, I appointed Past Grand Matron Mrs. A. J. Snider to install Grand Matron Mrs. Emily J. Scott, of Osceola, Nebraska, Worthy Grand Esther. The duty was performed January 7th, 1890.

December 3d, 1889, I appointed Past Grand Patron Stephen H. Gould, to install Grand Matron Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, of San Antonia, Texas, Worthy Grand Martha. The duty was performed January, 1890.

December 6th, 1889, I appointed Past Grand Patron Ed. R. Hare to install Grand Matron Mrs. Helen Edminston, of Dayton, Washington, Worthy Grand Electa. The duty was performed June 9th, 1890.

December 6th, 1889, I appointed Past Grand Matron Mrs. Mary E. McClure to install Grand Patron John Rennie, of Lehigh, Indian Territory, Worthy Grand Marshal. The duty was performed June, 1891.

I sent an appointment for the installation of Grand Matron Mrs. Mary H. Monks, of Watertown, South Dakota, as Worthy Grand Warder, but owing to ill health she has not been installed.

December 2d, 1889, I appointed Mrs. Martha J. Starratt as my Special Deputy, to preside over Electa Chapter, No. 2, Reno, Nevada, the meeting to be held December 16th, 1889, for the purpose of electing a Worthy Matron, Worthy Patron, and Associate Matron, the duly elected officers having moved away.

DISPENSATIONS GRANTED.

I have granted dispensations to the following Chapters to elect and install officers out of the regular time:

Lady Washington Chapter, No. 8, Jamestown, North Dakota.

Golden Rule Chapter, No. 5, Rocky Bar, Idaho.

Adah Chapter, No. 4, Reno, Nevada.

Ruth Chapter, No. 3, Pocatello, Idaho.

Queen Esther Chapter, No. 7, Boulder, Colorado.

October 18th, 1890, I granted to LeRoy Chapter, No. 83, LeRoy, Kansas, a special dispensation to confer the degrees upon Mrs. Nellie Goodall, of Aspen, Colorado, in the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

December 28th, 1890, I granted to Eminence Chapter, No. 93, Carthage, Missouri, a special dispensation to receive as a member, Miss Belle Hatton, of Louisiana, in the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

April 29th, 1891, I granted to Reyno Chapter, No. 65, Reyno, Arkansas, a special dispensation to receive as a member a petitioner from Kentucky, in the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

March 9th, 1892, I granted to Columbia Chapter, U. D., Chicago, a special dispensation to receive to membership Miss Belle Douglass, of Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada, of the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

October 14th, 1890, I granted to Keystone Chapter, No. 18, Boston, a special dispensation to confer the degrees upon S. Penrose Williams, of Providence, Rhode Island, that he might the more efficiently assist in the organization of a Chapter in his home city.

September 13th, 1892, I granted to Mineral Point Chapter, No. 7, Mineral Point, Wisconsin, a special dispensation to confer the degrees upon a petitioner from New Mexico, of the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

September 14th, 1892, I granted to Grand Ledge Chapter, No. , Grand Ledge, a special dispensation to confer the de-

grees upon a petitioner from London, Canada, of the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

White Mountain Chapter, No. 2, Globe, Arizona, having paid all indebtedness and surrendered its charter and effects, I directed the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to issue dimits to all of its members.

DECISIONS RENDERED.

Many questions were submitted for decisions which have been answered by others, or which the law defines, and I only report such as have not been previously reported:

Question 1. Is it right for the Worthy Matron to appoint an officer who is present to fill another station, and how should it appear on the record?

Answer 1. The Worthy Matron has the right to ask an officer to fill another position pro tem. The records should show the regular officer present and acting pro tem in another station.

Ques. 2. A petition for affiliation was presented, which was not accompanied by the dimit, nor was a committee on character appointed, but the ballot was passed and the petition declared elected. Was the election valid?

Ans. 2. The election, while irregular, was valid.

Ques. 3. Can the office of Worthy Matron be declared vacant?

Ans. 3. It cannot. See Sec. 24 Rules and Regulations.

Ques. 4. Is a dispensation legal if it does not bear the seal.

Ans. 4. It is legal without the seal.

Ques. 5. Is the copy of the proceedings that is sent to the Secretary private property?

Ans. 5. One copy of the proceedings is sent to the Secretary for the use of the Chapter.

Ques. 6. Is it necessary to install Star Officers to make initiation legal?

Ans. 6. The installation of Star Officers does not affect the legality of an initiation, but of course they should be installed.

Ques. 7. Can a brother be merely obligated, or must he be regularly initiated?

Ans 7. All petitioners must be regularly initiated, regardless of sex.

Ques. 8. Can the ballot be suspended while it is pending?

Ans. 8. It cannot.

The ever recurring question as to the eligibility to receive the degrees in the Order, of a daughter or a sister of a Master Mason should she chance to have selected as a life partner, a man who is not a Mason, has of course been again and again propounded. Also, if, after having received the degrees that terrible calamity befalls her, shall she lose these legitimately acquired privileges.

The eligibility of a daughter or sister is in no wise affected by marriage, and having once gained the degrees, she can by her own act alone, be deprived of the privileges of the Order.

ELECTA CHAPTER, NO. 2, AUSTIN, NEVADA.

Electa Chapter, No. 2, located at Austin, Nevada, was deprived of its three first officers by removal at the close of the year 1889, and wrote me for instructions.

Owing to my absence from home at the death-bed of my sister, my response to the letter was delayed a few days, and the time for their meeting having arrived, a telegram was sent the Worthy Patron, then

in Montana, who wired an appointment to a sister to serve as Worthy Matron pro tem. Some of the members of Electa Chapter deeming the proceeding irregular objected and the question was submitted to me, "Was the meeting regular, and if not, what is necessary to make the business transactions valid?"

I replied that inasmuch as Section 4, of Rules and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter for the Government of Subordinate Chapters, requires the presence of the charter, one of the first three officers, and six other members as indispensable to open a Chapter for the transaction of business, the meeting was not regular. To remedy the error, I directed that by resolution they ratify at a subsequent meeting regularly held, all business except the election to membership, and conferring of degrees. If an election to membership had been received, that another ballot be taken, and if the degrees had been conferred the candidates be re-obligated.

This called forth considerable correspondence, some maintaining the right of the Patron, under the circumstances, to appoint a Worthy Matron, and losing sight of the clause requiring the presence of one of the first three officers. Also, another complication arose to disturb the harmony of Electa Chapter. A social gathering was arranged for, and it was decided that each member should issue but two invitations. One brother, after having issued his invitations had still others whom he desired to remember and exceeded his privilege by two or three invitations. Later he changed his place of residence and asked for a dimit which was granted him, but accompanying it on the back was a set of resolutions of censure and disapproval for his course in the matter of invitations.

My attention being called to the matter, I decided that a Chapter could not censure or punish a member

except up n trial he was found guilty, and I requested that a clean dimit be sent the brother.

JURISDICTION.

In November, 1890, the Worthy Patron of Guthrie Chapter, No. 12, Oklahoma Territory, wrote me, requesting that Oklahoma Territory be placed under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. It is now under the jurisdiction of Indian Territory. Upon rece pt of this letter, I wrote the Grand Matron of Indian Territory, asking if they were organizing Chapters in Oklahoma Territory, and expressing the opinion that, on the erection of Oklahoma Territory, that portion reverted to the General Grand Chapter. To this letter came a response from the Grand Patron maintaining the right of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory to the "jurisdiction co-extensive with the geographical boundaries of Indian Territory" when the Grand Chapter was organized and recognized, and that the erection of Oklahoma Territory into a separate civil or political territory in no wise affected the boundaries of the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory, Order of the Eastern Star.

Several letters passed between us in the discussion of the subject. The Grand Chapter of Indian Territory holding its meeting during that time, the correspondence was submitted to that body, which sustained the position of the Grand Patron.

As my correspondence was not intended for the Grand Chapter, but to ascertain the facts in the case and reach a conclusion that should be for the best interests of all, I deemed it unwise and unnecessary to press my convictions and cause discord between the pare t and its child.

Feeling that whatever was done was a prestige

for future guidance, it was decided between the Grand Matron, Grand Patron and myself, to hold the matter in abeyance for your careful consideration and decision, and whatever it may be, the members in that jurisdiction will readily acquiesce. The correspondence is herewith submitted.

MINNESOTA.

In obedience to the instructions of this General Grand Body, at its last session, I joined the Most Worthy Grand Patron in issuing the circular of the withdrawal of recognition.

BY-LAWS APPROVED.

December 19th, 1890, I approved the by-laws of Ransford Chapter, No. 3, Derry Depot, New Hampshire.

March 1st, 1891, approved the amendment to by-laws of Electa Chapter, No. 2, Austin, Nevada.

September, 1892, approved the by-laws of Martha Washington Chapter, No. 3, Scranton, Pennsylvania.

COMMITTEE REPORT.

The committee appointed at the last meeting of this General Grand Chapter, to make an inventory of its property in the custody of the retiring Right Worthy Grand Secretary, performed the duty assigned them, and the report is herewith submitted.

SIGNET.

Immediately following the transfer of the property of this Grand Body to the newly elected Right Worthy Grand Secretary, I was informed that the retiring Right Worthy Grand Secretary claimed the signet of the Order in use by this Grand Body since 1879, as his personal property.

The "Signet" was gotten out in March, 1879, and as the financial agent of this body that officer was the one to superintend its publication, and if it were copyrighted, to secure the copyright, which he did. It is required by the ritual, and belongs to it as does the secret work, and should not be held as individual property.

Until very recently it bore upon its face, "Published by the General Grand Chapter."

If the General Grand Chapter did not authorize its publication, the sentence was misleading, and very justly carried the impression that it was not individual property.

As I consider from a legal, as also a moral standpoint, the "Signet" is the property of the General Grand Chapter, I concluded to report the facts and allow this General Grand Chapter to make such legislation to protect its interests as shall be deemed just and proper.

BOOKS OF RECORD.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported to me that the record books of the General Grand Chapter prior to August, 1880, were not in her possession. Although this request was made twice direct to the retiring Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and notice sent the committee appointed by this General Grand Chapter to transfer the property, no attention was paid to it, and the books are not yet in the hands of the proper custodian.

I most earnestly recommend that this General Grand Chapter require the books brought to the meeting.

ODE BOOKS.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary wrote me, asking what per cent. could be allowed on the ode

books. I replied that as it had not been the custom to sell through dealers, I should suggest that the revenue be reserved for the General Grand Chapter.

Some weeks passed, and she reported to me that the retiring Right Worthy Grand Secretary had had plates made and was publishing the ode books.

CHARTERS.

Upon learning that the charters issued to the Subordinate Chapters of the General Grand Chapter did not bear the signature of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, I appealed to the Most Worthy Grand Patron for a change in this particular.

After some consideration he consented and the charters now bear her name, as also that of Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

VISITATIONS.

During my term of office it has been my pleasure to attend Grand Chapter meetings in several jurisdictions, and at each as your representative I received the honor due as such.

The friendships renewed and formed cannot here be recorded, but in the archives of memory, they are treasured as among the things that pass not away when we lay aside the belongings of this life, but journey with us into eternity.

I can only give you a glimpse of these pleasant gatherings, but at each I found earnest, active workers.

October, 1889, and 1891, I attended by special invitation, the Grand Chapter meetings of Illinois, held at Chicago. At each of these meetings I installed the Grand Officers.

October, 1889, and 1890, I attended the meetings

of the Grand Chapter of Michigan, and installed the Grand Officers.

February, 1891, I was present at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, and had the pleasure of installing its first board of officers. In February, 1892, I attended its meeting.

March, 1891, by special invitation, I attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Kansas, whose guest I was during my stay. I installed the Grand Officers. On my outward trip, as also on the homeward one, my way was made pleasant by courtesies from Mendias Chapter, of Kansas City, Kansas, and the Chapters of Kansas City, Missouri.

April, 1890, 1891, and 1892, as your representative, I installed the Grand Officers of the Grand Chapter of Indiana.

October, 1891, I attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, and installed the Grand Officers.

May, 1891, I attended, by special invitation, the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and installed the Grand Officers.

June, 1891, I attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, and installed the Grand Officers.

August, 1891, I attended, by special invitation, the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Missouri. For the day or two of my stay following the meeting, I was the recipient of gracious courtesies from the members of Randolph Chapter.

September, 1890, and 1891, I attended, by special invitation, the meetings of the Grand Chapter of Iowa. On each of these occasions I was the guest of the Grand Chapter, and installed the Grand Officers.

During August, 1890, while attending the National Convention of the Woman's Relief Corps, in Boston, Massachusetts, through the Grand Patron,

Frank E. Shaw, a special social meeting of the Chapter was called, and after breakfasting at the Tremont, we went, by special car, to Gloucester, where all were the guests of Martha Washington Chapter for the day, and it was a day long to be remembered. From all parts of the jurisdiction came the members especially to welcome the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. The welcome within the gates was most generous, and the appreciation by the recipients is beyond the power of words to tell. Keystone Chapter, of Boston, and Lady Emma Chapter, of Fitchburg entertained us.

I had the pleasure of being one of the number of pilgrims who journeyed to Denver during the month of August, just passed.

While the triennial meeting of the Knights Templar was the attraction, the Order of the Eastern Star was by no means lost sight of. Queen City Chapter of Denver, very kindly kept open house during the week, and there it was my pleasure to meet representatives from almost every jurisdiction. Every day and every hour was like a love feast. Many, very many came, and yet, not all who had seen "His star in the East" found this shrine.

One thing is indelibly impressed upon the minds of those who from day to day watched the coming and going—that the Order of the Eastern Star was a helpmeet worthy in every particular of the fraternity to which it is so closely allied.

Ramona Chapter of Colorado Springs, although its members had been on duty for days together giving to the wayfarers a royal welcome, held a Chapter meeting August 15. I am sure I but bespeak the sentiments of each and every guest when I say that for this opportunity to meet around the altar as sisters and brothers of one common family, we are deeply

grateful. It was like a benediction over the social gatherings of the preceding week.

During my term of office many Subordinate Chapters have extended courtesies to me as your representative, and in my own jurisdiction—Indiana—I have in company with the Grand Matrons visited, by special invitation, many Chapters. For these evidences of good will, especially from my own, through whose preferment I was made eligible for the honor with which you clothed me, I am sincerely and gratefully thankful, and I trust that He will keep me worthy of their love while life shall last.

On many of these occasions I had the pleasant company of the Righty Worthy Grand Secretary.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that the circular letter sent out by the General Grand Chapter in recognition of newly organized Grand Chapters be signed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron as well as the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

I recommend that the law be enforced against all Chapters reported delinquent by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

One question to which it seems especially proper that I shall call your attention is the manner of organizing Grand Chapters. As the subordinates from which these Grand Chapters are formed are of the immediate family of the General Grand Chapter, I recommend that when there be a sufficient number of subordinates from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, under whose authority these subordinate Chapters were organized, and the call be signed also by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

That Article 3, Section 5, of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, be amended by adding after the word "work," "Signet."

Also, Article 7, Section 1, be enlarged by adding the words, "and one Signet."

Also, Article 10, Section 1, add clause eighth, "To act as the financial agent in the purchase and sale of the ritual, 'Signets,' blanks, and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives its revenue."

Also, that for Article 4, Section 1, the following be substitued: "The General Grand Chapter shall meet every three years at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meetings."

THANKS.

I desire especially to thank the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for favors received and courtesies extended, and also to congratulate her upon the efficient and successful administration of the arduous affairs in her office.

In the matter of thanks, I know not where to begin, and I should weary you beyond endurance before I found a place to stop were I to individualize my indebtedness for favors, courtesies and kindnesses received.

To one and all I tender my sincere and heartfelt thanks, and trust that to them may be returned of these gracious gifts, full measure and running over.

CONCLUSION.

I have not accomplished the work that I hoped to when I accepted this trust at your hands, nor have I found the path without its cross-roads where one must needs pause to inquire: Which is the way?

Whether or not I have at all times been able to

discern the true path is an unsolved problem in my mind. This, however, I do know—that I have tried to perform the duties of the office faithfully and conscientiously.

The continued prosperity of the Order assures you that it has not suffered although placed in the hands of sisters, nor does its financial condition give cause for alarm—instead, while the expense attendant upon the publication of a ritual from new plates, and the free exchange was great, it brings to you an excellent balance for the treasury.

The report of Chapters and Grand Chapters organized, and the statistics regarding finance and membership will come to you through the reports of the officers in charge.

In reviewing the history of this body, I find that I am the only sister who was present at its organization, and who has attended each meeting since.

The organization was affected in the hall of Queen Esther Chapter, Indianapolis, of which I was then Worthy Matron, and the delegates were entertained by her members.

For the twenty past years, without intermission, I have been an active member of the Order, and have watched its growth with pride and thankfulness. It has passed its infancy and childhood, and yet needs careful training.

The record of my three years stewardship is before you. I appreciate the confidence reposed in me by those who honored me by their preferment, and bespeak for my successor the measure of consideration that I have received.

In the duties that await us, let us surrender self, with all its unworthy aspirations, and legislate for that which shall live after us and call forth honorable mention.

MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD,
M. W. Grand Matron

ADDRESSES.

On motion of Samuel L. C. Rhodes, the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to a special committee of three for distribution, the Most Worthy Grand Matron naming as such,

WM. A. LAWRENCE,
MRS. CARRIE O. GETTY,
WM. H. SMYTHE.

On motion of Joseph W. Hill, the Most Worthy Grand Patron was allowed to omit reading such portions of his address as he deemed best, as printed copies were in the hands of the members.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron presented his address as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

How swiftly the years that mark the periods of life go speeding on. It seems but yesterday, since out of love for our Order and in response to the call from refreshment to labor of this Grand Body, we left the ties and comforts of home and the never ceasing cares of daily life, to journey towards (what was to us our Masonic Jerusalem) the beautiful city of Indianapolis. And yet, since then, three years of successful achievements, or signal failures, have passed away.

In the good providence of God, and the ever-onward march of time, the constitutional period of the seventh stated session of the General Grand Chapter has arrived. It is with unfeigned pleasure that I fraternally greet

you, and all in attendance here to-day. These meetings of the General Grand Chapter have always been occasions not only of pleasure, but of profit, and have only been singular for their harmony. And as a result of this friendly intercourse, there exists a union of sympathies, and a strength of fraternal feeling among its members, which I hardly conceive to be exceeded elsewhere.

May infinite wisdom so guide us in this meeting, that unselfish loyalty to our Order may fully govern us in all our deliberations and counsels. Let gratitude swell from every heart to God our Father, who has so tenderly cared for us, and so kindly watched over us during all the days in the years that have passed since our last meeting; and who in His kind providence, without a broken link in the golden chain that binds the officers of this Grand Body, permits us this morning to assemble around our holy altar to offer the incense of grateful hearts to Him who hath called us to follow the Star in the East, till we shall see Him as He is.

The General Grand Chapter has wisely ordered that its executive officers shall make a report of their stewardship, at the close of their term of office. In cheerful obedience to this constitutional requirement, I have the honor to herewith submit for your consideration, a report of my official acts during my term of office. The important interests of the Order, pertaining to the office of Most Worthy Grand Patron, have received my earnest and constant attention, and if I have failed, in any part of my work, to fulfill the expectations of the kind friends, who by their generous suffrages elected me to this honorable station, it must be charged not to my want of appreciation of the high honor conferred, and earnest desire to do my best to promote highest interests of the Order, but to my want of power and ability.

DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS.

In a great country like ours, the work of extending, caring for, and building up our Order, in States and Territories where no Grand Chapter exists, has to be done largely by Special Deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and so I have appointed during my term of office fifty-two Special Deputies to aid in this work. Their names, the date of their appointment, place of residence, and work done by them, are as follows:

DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS.

Oct. 28, 1889.	De Witt Clinton Dawkins to organize Chapters in Florida.
Nov. 26, 1889.	Jessie W. Montart, of Biddeford, Maine.
Nov. 26, 1888.	F. Kossuth Jack, of Bowdoinham, to organize Chapters in the State of Maine.
Dec. 4, 1889.	M. A. Murphy, of Carson, to organize Chapters in Nevada.
Dec. 6, 1889.	Frank Spooner, M. D., of Lancaster, to organize Chapter in N. H.
Dec. 12, 1889.	E. M. Forbes, of Winchester, N. H., to organize Chapters in Maine and N. H.
Dec. 18, 1889.	Rufus C. Hathaway, of Grand Rapids, Mich., to organize Chapters in Wisconsin.
Jan. 16, 1890.	John A. Becker, of Baltimore, to organize Chapters in Maryland.
Jan. 27, 1890.	J. C. Smith, Jackson, to organize Chapters in Tennessee.
Jan. 27, 1890.	Chas. E. Lancaster, of Bozeman, to organize Chapters in Montana.
Feb. 14, 1890.	John Kennedy, of Oakes, to organize Chapters in North Dakota.
Feb. 26, 1890.	W. H. Pleasants, of Hollis, to organize Chapters in Virginia.

March 20, 1890.	Rev. H. A. Guild, of Lincoln, Neb., to organize Chapters in Colorado.
March 20, 1890.	C. N. Millard, of Hamburg, Ark., to organize Chapters in Louisiana.
April 15, 1890.	O. L. Cleveland, of Pocatillo, to organize Chapters in Idaho.
April 25, 1890.	R. C. Huntress, of Stoneham, Mass., to organize Chapters in New Hampshire.
May 15, 1890.	H. A. Baker, of Denver, to organize Chapters in Colorado.
May 30, 1890.	John Powell Martin, of Rocky Bar to institute Golden Rule Chapter, No. 5, Rocky Bar, Idaho.
June 11, 1890.	John E. Haynes, of Old Town, to organize Chapters in Maine.
July 1, 1890.	Richard Lambert, of New Orleans, to organize Chapters in Louisiana.
July 3, 1890.	N. Fretz, Helena, to organize Chapters in Montana.
July 11, 1890.	F. C. Hamilton, of Sturgeon Bay, to institute Honor Chapter, No. 1, Sturgeon Bay, Wis.
July 24, 1890.	W. J. Clontz, Centre Grove, to organize Chapters in North Carolina.
Nov. 7, 1890.	A. H. Wright, Chicago, Ill., to institute Milwaukee Chapter No 2, Milwaukee, Wis.
Nov. 8, 1890.	Melvin L. Young, of Milwaukee, to organize Chapters in Wisconsin.
Dec. 9, 1890.	J. C. Trickey, of Whitefield, N. H., to institute Excelsior Chapter No. 4, Whitefield, N. H.
Dec. 19, 1890.	J. W. Laflin, Milwaukee, to organize Chapters in Wisconsin.
Dec. 23, 1890.	H. W. Emanuel, of Oakes, to organize Chapters in North Dakota.

Dec. 23, 1890.	Fred Ring, of La Crosse, to organize Chapters in Wisconsin.
Dec. 23, 1890.	F. E. Shaw, of Boston, Mass., to institute Providence Chapter, No. 1, Providence R. I.
Jan. 12, 1891.	Joseph Hall, Wheeling, to organize Chapters in W. Va.
Jan. 20, 1891.	A. P. Swanstrom, to organize Mispah Chapel, No. 5, of Star Prairie, Wisconsin.
Jan. 29, 1891.	Robert C. Huntress, of Boston, to organize Chapters in Hillsborough Co., N. H.
Jan. 28, 1891.	N. Nagengast, of Durango, to institute Electa Chapter, No. 8, Durango, Colo.
Feb. 27, 1891.	Frank Ingalls, of Jamestown, N. Dak., to institute Woodbine Chapter, No. 4, Valley City, N. Dak.
Feb. 20, 1891.	S. Penrose Williams, Providence, to organize Chapters in Rhode Island.
March 19, 1891.	Wm. A. Gober, Alexandria, to organize Chapters in Alabama.
March 30, 1891.	A. H. Burroughs, M. D., of Saccarappa, to institute Beulah Chapter, No. 5, Westbrook, Me.
March 31, 1891.	M. H. Murphy, of Trinidad, to organize Chapters in Colorado and N. Mexico.
April 9, 1891.	Frank E. Shaw, Boston, Mass. to institute Martha Washington Chapter, No. 6, Goffstown, N. H.
July 10, 1891.	A. H. Burroughs, M. D., Saccarappa, to institute Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 6, Denmark, Me.
July 30, 1891.	W. S. Auble, E. Las Vegas, to institute Ransford Chapter, No. 2., Las Vegas, New Mexico.
Sept. 7, 1891.	John McCoach, Colorado City, to institute Glen Eyrie Chapter, No. 10, Colorado City, Colo.

Sept. 24, 1891.	J. E. Maguire, Lithonia, to institute Lithonia Chapter, No. 1, Lithonia, Georgia.
Nov. 20, 1891.	Geo. H. Blodgett, Bowdoinham, to organize Chapters in Maine.
Dec. 29, 1891.	S. E. Silsby, Idaho City, to institute Mizpah Chapter, No. 6, Idaho City, Idaho.
Jan. 12, 1892.	Hadley O. Hawes, Hallowell, to organize Chapters in Kennebec Co., Maine.
Jan. 23, 1892.	C. D. Blanchard, Old Town, to institute Golden Rod Chapter, No. 8, Rockland, Me., and Jonathan Hunt Chapter No. 9, Herman, Me.
March 16, 1892.	Samuel Fear, Pittston, to organize Chapters in Penn.
March 16, 1892.	N. H. Coker, Trion, to organize Chapters in Florida.
June 6, 1892.	Stanley C. Boom, Salt Lake City, to institute Lynds Chapter, No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.
June 10, 1892.	D. H. Shaw, Colfax, to institute Mountain Gem Chapter, Lewiston Idaho.
July 16, 1892.	John A. Becker to organize Chapters in Maryland.
August 1, 1892.	John A. Becker, to organize Ruth Chapter No. 1, Washington, D. C.

At the last meeting of the General Grand Chapter, held in Indianapolis, September 25th, 26th and 27th, the following resolutions were adopted :

Resolved: That the action of the Most Worthy Grand Patron in recognizing the old Grand Chapter of Minnesota be confirmed by this General Grand Chapter; and be it further

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter hereby instructs the Grand Chapter of Minnesota to send notice to all Chapters of the Order in the state, both within and without said Grand Chapter, to remit their annual dues, receive their reports, and

said Grand Chapter shall at or before the next regular meeting thereof, receive each of the delegates of said Subordinate Chapter to full membership in the Grand Chapter of Minnesota; and, be it further

Resolved, That should the Grand Chapter of Minnesota refuse or fail to comply with these instructions in time for the next annual session of the Grand Chapter, it is hereby ordered that all recognition of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and all Chapters of the Order in said state be withdrawn by this General Grand Chapter, and it is further ordered that all Chapters in said state that shall neglect or refuse to forward their dues and returns, as directed, shall forfeit their right to recognition, and shall be crossed from the roll of Chapters.

MINNESOTA GRAND CHAPTER.

The Grand Chapters of Minnesota failing to consolidate as per the resolutions of the General Grand Chapter, and in obedience to its orders, the following proclamation was promulgated by the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Most Worthy Grand Matron and attested by our Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and sent to all whom it concerned :

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.
ORGANIZED NOV. 12, 1876.
ST. LOUIS, MO., April 14th, 1891.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters of the O. E. S., Greeting:

WHEREAS, The General Grand Chapter, at its sixth triennial session, held at the city of Indianapolis, Indiana, September 25th, 26th and 27th, 1889, formulated, adopted and promulgated the following resolutions :

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter hereby instructs the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, to send notice to all Chapters of the Order in the state, both within and without said Grand Chapter, to remit their annual dues, receive their re-

ports, and said Grand Chapter shall at or before the next regular meeting thereof, receive each of the delegates of said Subordinate Chapter to full membership in the Grand Chapter of Minnesota; and, be it further

"*Resolved*, That should the Grand Chapter of Minnesota refuse or fail to comply with these instructions in time for the next annual session of the Grand Chapter, it is hereby ordered that all recognition of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and all Chapters of the Order in said state be withdrawn by this General Grand Chapter, and it is further ordered that all Chapters in said state that shall neglect or refuse to forward their dues and returns, as directed, shall forfeit their right to recognition, and shall be crossed from the roll of Chapters."

AND WHEREAS, The said Grand Chapter of Minnesota has failed to comply with the instructions of the General Grand Chapter, as set forth in the foregoing resolutions, therefore we, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron, by virtue of the authority vested in us by the constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby declare and order that all recognition of the General Grand Chapter be and is hereby withdrawn from the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and that the said Grand Chapter is no longer a constituent part or member of the General Grand Chapter.

[SEAL] BENJAMIN LYNDS,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

[SEAL] NETTIE RANSFORD,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ATTEST:
LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

CHICAGO, April 16th, 1891.

Immediately after the meeting of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, held in the City of Red Wing, October 9th and 10th 1889, I was informed by letters

from past and present officers of the Grand Chapter, of the failure of the Grand Chapters of Minnesota, to unite. The writers of these letters assigned two causes particularly, for the failure to comply with the instructions of the General Grand Chapter. First, they found it impossible to accomplish this work in the few days intervening between the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, of September 27, 1889, and the meeting of their own Grand Chapter, October 9th and 10th, 1889. Second, that the members of the Order acknowledging allegiance to the Grand Chapter, known as No. 2, did not attend the meeting of Grand Chapter No. 1, as representatives of the Subordinate Chapters, offering to pay dues, but as Grand Officers of that Grand Chapter, claiming the right to a voice in the proceedings of Grand Chapter No. 1, before any action had been or could be taken by Grand Chapter No. 1, as to their reception as members of that Grand Body. For these and other reasons they asked that the recognition of the General Grand Chapter be not withdrawn, assuring me that in a short time the trouble which had divided the Order in that State would be harmonized and the two Grand Chapters consolidated. Knowing that it was to hasten the restoration of peace and harmony in Minnesota, that the General Grand Chapter had passed the foregoing resolutions, and that the expected and hoped for settlement of the troubles of our Order in that State, were along the lines proposed by the General Grand Chapter, I was constrained to believe that the interests of the Order, not only in Minnesota, but at large, would be best served and promoted, by continuing to recognize for a time at least, the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, as a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter. After waiting until it became evident that the two Grand Chapters would not unite under the arrangement proposed by the Gen-

eral Grand Chapter, or by others proposed by themselves, the foregoing proclamation, withdrawing the recognition of the General Grand Chapter, from the Order of the Eastern Star in Minnesota, was issued.

The Grand Chapter of the Indian Territory (with which there seems to be a misunderstanding, and of which our Most Worthy Grand Matron will inform you) is the only Grand Chapter recognized as a constituent member of the General Grand Chapter that is not in full concord and harmony with it.

GROWTH AND PROSPERITY OF THE ORDER.

Our Order is to be congratulated upon its steadily increasing progress and its continued prosperity, and upon the harmony and good-fellowship which so generally prevails. It is only about twenty-six years since the first successful organization (named Eastern Star Lodges) were instituted in Michigan; and less than a quarter of a century since the first Grand Chapter was organized (October, 1867) in the same State. Since then how marvelous has been its growth! The Order is now firmly established in nearly all the States and Territories of our great country, over a territory extending from Maine to California, and from Minnesota to Florida, there are more than 1,300 active Subordinate Chapters, with a membership of nearly 64,000. This vast army is under the direction and control of twenty-seven Grand Chapters, and the General Grand Chapter. Twenty-one of the Grand Chapters acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, and are recognized as constituent members of it. The Grand Chapters of New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Vermont and Minnesota are independent.

The present grand development of our Order is not the result of an accident, nor is it the work of an indi-

vidual. The annual reports of the Grand Chapters attest how ably and faithfully the rank and file of our Order have labored for its advancement, and how much we are indebted to them for our steady progress and continuous growth, "like the mountain-builders of the deep, each short-lived busy worker has brought his little offerings, and from these little offerings, subjected to the crucial test of time and experience," our Order has been built to its present grand proportions.

The success achieved by the General Grand Chapter in all departments of the work under its jurisdiction fully justifies the wisdom and faith of those who called it into existence. In less than ten years after the organization of the first subordinate chapters, several hundred chapters had been instituted, and Grand Chapters had been organized in Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Mississippi, California, Vermont, Indiana, Connecticut, Nebraska, Missouri, Illinois, Arkansas, Kansas and Massachusetts. Several different rituals were used in these fourteen grand jurisdictions, and such a diversity of work was inaugurated that a member of the Order visiting a Chapter in another grand jurisdiction could hardly recognize by its work that it belonged to the same Order. The use of so many different rituals, each with a ceremonial widely differing in its teachings, rulings and decisions could only be productive of evil, and threatening to the permanency and usefulness of the Order. To remedy these growing evils was a work no Grand Chapter could accomplish. To meet this emergency, caused by the rapid growth and extension of the Order, the General Grand Chapter was organized. Its work was largely of a two-fold character, first to furnish a ritual that would by its excellence fully meet the wants of our great and growing organization. Secondly, to provide a method that would be generally acceptable for

extending the Order into states and territories where no Grand Chapter exists. The ritual published by the General Grand Chapter, while not perfect, possesses merits and has proven more generally acceptable to the Order than any of the rituals published by the several Grand Chapters. This is evidenced by the fact that it is the only ritual now used in all the Grand Jurisdictions of the Order but two (New York and Vermont), and the demand is an ever-increasing one. During this administration our Right Worthy Grand Secretary has had published 21,899 rituals, of which she has sold 18,061. And thus has the General Grand Chapter, by this work, brought the Order "from confusion to substantial unity." This work alone would justify the wisdom of its organization, but it does not rest its claim for usefulness on this work alone. It is to be commended for the success it has achieved in introducing, extending and fostering the Order in territory where no governing grand body exists, until o sufficient number of Chapters have been instituted to arganize a Grand Chapter. In this work, during this administration, fifty-six Chapters have been instituted and set to work, many of them in states and territories where no organization of our Order existed before.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter, No. 1, Burleson.
Charter granted, March 30, 1891.
Chapter organized, April 25, 1891.

Charnell Thorn, Worthy Patron.
Susan R. Barnes, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. S. H. Bottoms, Associate Matron.

44 petitioners. WM. A. GOBER, Alexandria.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

COLORADO.

Trinidad Chapter, No. 1, Trinidad.
Charter granted, May 11, 1891.
Chapter re-organized, June 4, 1891.
J. M. Baker, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Alice Leslie, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. M. E. Smith, Associate Matron.
39 petitioners. M. H. MURPHY, Trinidad.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Queen City Chapter, No. 6, Denver.
Charter granted, Sept. 3, 1890.
Chapter organized, Sept. 9, 1890.
W. L. H. Miller, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. E. E. Condit, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. D. M. Farrall, Associate Matron.
135 petitioners. Rev. H. A. GUILD, Lincoln, Neb.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Queen Esther Chapter, No. 7, Boulder.
Charter granted, Dec. 4, 1890.
Chapter organized, Dec. 20, 1890.
T. K. Carmack, Worthy Patron.
Sarah Conwell, Worthy Matron.
Sarah W. North, Associate Matron.
60 petitioners. H. A. BAKER. Denver,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Electa Chapter, No. 8, Durango.
Charter granted, January, 27, 1891.
Chapter organized, February, 1891.
Jethro C. Sanford, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Charles Newman, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. N. Nagengast, Associate Matron.
27 petitioners. N. NAGENGAST, Durango.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Pueblo Chapter, No. 9, Pueblo.
Charter granted, August 1, 1891.
Chapter organized September 22, 1891.
H. D. Hathaway, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. F. P. Wormley, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Chas. Walker, Associate Matron.
25 petitioners. H. D. HATHAWAY, Pueblo.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Glen Eyrie Chapter, No. 10, Colorado City.
Charter granted September 7, 1891.
Chapter organized, September 12, 1891.
John McCoach, Worthy Patron.
Hattie Stephens, Worthy Matron.
Jennie Humphrey, Associate Matron.
29 petitioners. JOHN MCCOACH, Colorado City.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Ramona Chapter, No. 11, Colorado Springs.
Charter granted, October 30, 1891.
Chapter organized, November 14, 1891
Cassius E. Stubbs, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Ella L. C. Dwinnell, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Emily Lawton, Associate Matron.
28 petitioners. H. A. BAKER, Denver.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Ruxton Chapter, No. 12, Manitou.
Charter granted, February 9, 1892.
Chapter organized, February 27, 1892.
Charles M. Elerick, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Eva J. Aldrich, Worthy Matron.
Frances Hutchinson, Associate Matron.
27 petitioners. JOHN MCCOACH, Colorado City.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Columbine Chapter, No. 13, Longmont.
Charter granted, March 17, 1892.
Chapter organized, March 28, 2892.
E. J. Coffman, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Mary L. Carr, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Minerva C. Topliff, Associate Matron.
35 petitioners. H. A. BAKER, Denver.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

FLORIDA.

Electa Chapter, No. 1, Green Cove Springs.
Charter granted, December 24, 1889.
Chapter organized, December 29, 1889.
A. W. Monroe, Worthy Patron.
Miss L. Dova Greer, Worthy Matron.
Miss Janie L. Moss, Associate Matron.
20 petitioners. DEWITT C. DAWKINS, Jacksonville.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter, No. 1, Lithonia.
Charter granted, September 21, 1891.
Chapter organized, October 9, 1891.
J. L. Johnson, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. J. C. Johnson, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. W. B. Summers, Associate Matron.
27 petitioners. J. E. MAGUIRE, Lithonia.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Queen Esther Chapter, No. 2, Trion Factory.
Charter granted March 10, 1892.
Chapter organized, May 1, 1892.
Wm. J. Simmons, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Luella Maxey, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Belle Smallwood, Associate Matron.
32 petitioners. N. H. COKER, Trion,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

IDAHO.

Naomi Chapter, No. 4, Albion.
Charter granted, April 25, 1890.
Charter organized, May, 1890.
Edwin A. Jorden, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Esther J. Stokes, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Julia H. Weatherman, Associate Matron.
22 petitioners. O. L. CLEVELAND, Pocatello,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Golden Rule Chapter, No. 5, Rocky Bar.
Charter granted, May 30, 1890.
Chapter organized, June 24, 1890.
G. D. Golden, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. M. Addie Gilman, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Laura F. Golden, Associate Matron.
34 petitioners. J. P. MARTIN, Rocky Bar,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Mizpah Chapter, No. 6, Idaho City.
Charter granted, December 29, 1891.
Chapter organized, March 7, 1892.
John Kennaly, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Hannah Schmidt, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Sadie Galbraith, Associate Matron.
16 petitioners. S. C. SILSBY, Idaho City,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Mountain Gem Chapter, No. 7, Lewiston.
Charter granted, June 6, 1892.
Chapter organized June 30, 1892.
Daniel Marion White, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Fannie L. Poe, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Elizabeth F. Booth, Associate Matron.
24 petitioners. D. H. SHAW, Colfax, Wash. Ter.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

LOUISIANA.

Rebecca Chapter, No. 2, Welsh.
Charter granted June 30, 1890.
Chapter organized July 26, 1890.
L. E. Robinson, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Kate Hewett, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Samantha Gillespie, Associate Matron.
20 petitioners. RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Robertsville Chapter No. 3, Robertsville.
Charter granted October 13, 1891.
Chapter organized November 15, 1891.
Joseph N. Stevens, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. M. S. Petty, Worthy Matron.
Miss Clara Long, Associate Matron.
38 petitioners. RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Mount Carmel Chapter No. 4, Mount Carmel.
Charter granted October 20, 1891.
Chapter organized December 4, 1891.
Thomas G. Coburn, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. D. W. Self, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. W. D. Hall, Associate Matron.
38 petitioners. RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

MAINE.

Mizpah Chapter No. 3, Saccarappa.
Charter granted December 9, 1889.
Chapter organized January 7, 1890.
Arthur M. Ricker, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Anna D. Phinney, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Althea L. Reade Associate Matron.
43 petitioners. E. M. FORBES, Winchester, N. H.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Kineo Chapter No. 4, Old Town.
Charter granted July 2, 1890.
Chapter organized September 10, 1890.
John E. Haynes, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. E. T. Hartwell, Worthy Matron.
Miss Margaret M. Lancaster, Associate Matron.
41 petitioners. J. E. HAYNES, Old Town,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron

Beulah Chapter No. 5, Westbrook.
Charter granted March 30, 1891.
Chapter organized April 29, 1891.
Kimball Eastman, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Annie L. Cobb, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Abbie W. Libby, Associate Matron.
53 petitioners. A. H. BURROUGHS, M. D., Saccarappa.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Mount Moriah Chapter No. 6, Denmark.
Charter granted July 10, 1891.
Chapter organized July 24, 1891.
Samuel G. Davis, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Parrie M. Davis, Worthy Matron.
Miss Kate F. Ingalls, Associate Matron.
30 petitioners. A. H. BURROUGHS, M. D., Saccarappa.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Pleiades Chapter No. 7, Patten.
Charter granted July 29, 1891.
Chapter organized August, 1891.
Charles Gilman, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Cornelia Wiggin, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Albina Woodbury, Associate Matron.
49 petitioners. JOHN E. HAYNES, Old Town.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Golden-Rod Chapter No. 8, Rockland.
Charter granted December 18, 1891.
Chapter organized February 11, 1892.
Charles S. Sylvester, Worthy Patron.
Miss Ella M. Day, Worthy Matron.
Miss Annie M. Chadwick, Associate Matron.
210 petitioners. C. D. BLANCHARD, Old Town.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Jonathan Hunt Chapter No. 9, Herman.
Charter granted December 22, 1891.
Chapter organized February 4, 1892.
J. Mellen Taylor, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Annie M. Eaton, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Ellen B. Hunt, Associate Matron.
48 petitioners. C. D. BLANCHARD, Old Town.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 10, Hallowell.
Charter granted January 11, 1892.
Chapter organized January 26, 1892.
Hadley O. Hawes, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Lavinia A. Whitcomb, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Annie E. Katon, Associate Matron.
44 petitioners. HADLEY O. HAWES, Hallowell,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Pioneer Chapter No. 11, Lisbon Falls.
Charter granted April 6, 1892.
Chapter organized April 30, 1892.
K. M. Small, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Lila M. Dufton, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Annie M. Frost, Associate Matron.
50 petitioners. F. KOSSUTH JACK, Bowdoinham
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

MONTANA.

Lily of the Valley Chapter No. 4, Bozeman.
Charter granted March 20, 1890.
Chapter organized April, 1890.
Chas. E. Lancaster, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Lancaster, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. H. B. Baker, Associate Matron.
32 petitioners. CHAS. E. LANCASTER, Bozeman.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Yellowstone Chapter, No. 5, Glendive.
Charter granted, June 30, 1890.
Chapter organized, August 27, 1890.
Jno. M. Rapeljor, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Harriet J. Marsh, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. May Tilyon, Associate Matron.
17 petitioners. N. FRETZ, Helena,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Eureka Chapter No. 2, Colebrook.
Charter granted January 1, 1890.
Chapter organized March 5, 1890.
J. Sullivan Chase, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Hattie F. Coburn, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Elvira E. Fletcher, Associate Matron.
23 petitioners. FRANK SPOONER, M. D., Lancaster,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

This Chapter was chartered September 23, 1889. We found the Charter had never been received; we therefore issued a new Charter upon a new petition without charge.

Ransford Chapter No. 3, Derry Depot.
Charter granted October 7, 1890.
Chapter organized October 7, 1890.
Fred R. Felch, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Mary J. Horne, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Martha E. Plummer, Associate Matron.
63 petitioners. R. C. HUNTRESS, Boston, Mass.,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Excelsior Chapter No. 4, Whitefield.
Charter granted December 5, 1890.
Chapter organized February 5, 1891.
J. C. Trickey, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Luceba W. Trickey, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Carrie Morrison, Associate Matron.
28 petitioners. J. C. TRICKEY, Whitefield,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Mount Hope Chapter No. 5, Ashland.
Charter granted February 8, 1891.
Chapter organized March 3, 1891.
Henry C. Dearborn, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Eunice A. Peaslee, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Georgiana E. Stevens, Associate Matron.
56 petitioners. FRANK SPOONER, M. D., Lancaster.
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Martha Washington Chapter No. 6, Goffstown.
Charter granted April 10, 1891.
Chapter organized April 28, 1891.
James H. Conner, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Conner, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Melissa Colby, Associate Matron.
19 petitioners. FRANK E. SHAW, Boston, Mass.,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Logan Chapter No. 2, Oakes.
Charter granted February 15, 1890.
Chapter organized February 15, 1890.
Jason B. Root, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Lucy V. Kennedy, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Nellie E. Scott, Associate Matron.
29 petitioners. JOHN KENNEDY, Oakes,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Wahpeton Chapter No. 3, Wahpeton.
Charter granted December 3, 1890.
Chapter organized January 10, 1891.
Porter C. McCumber, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Elaine E. Bogart, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Clara Falley, Associate Matron.
27 petitioners. H. W. EMANUEL, Wahpeton,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Woodbine Chapter No. 4, Valley City.
Charter granted February 18, 1891.
Chapter organized March 16, 1891.
Thomas N. Ritchie, Worthy Patron.
Miss Kate E. Black, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Elsie McKay, Associate Matron.
32 petitioners. T. INGALLS, Jamestown,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Centre Grove Chapter No. 1, Centre Grove.
Charter granted July 30, 1890.
Chapter organized, 1891.
W. H. Hunter, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Eliza Garrison, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. C. D. Cole, Associate Matron.
27 petitioners. W. J. CLONTZ, Centre Grove,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron

NEW MEXICO.

Ransford Chapter No. 2, Las Vegas.
Charter granted July 29, 1892.
Chapter organized August 21, 1892.
Woodard S. Auble, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Ella N. Cox, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Mattie Murray, Associate Matron.
40 petitioners. W. S. AUBLE, Las Vegas,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Martha Washington Chapter No. 3, Scranton,
Charter granted March 10, 1892.
Chapter organized April 25, 1892.
Frank J. Powell, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Genevieve Fellows, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Phoebe C. Skillhorn, Associate Matron.
85 petitioners. SAMUEL FEAR, Pittston,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence Chapter No. 1, Providence.
Charter granted December 3, 1890.
Chapter organized December 3, 1890.
S. Penrose Williams, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Emogene Williams, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Hattie E. Davis, Associate Matron.
83 petitioners. FRANK E. SHAW, Boston, Mass.,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City.
Charter granted June 6, 1892.
Chapter organized June 20, 1892.
Samuel Paul, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Hester P. Boom, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Mary C. Grant, Associate Matron.
85 petitioners. STANLEY C. BOOM, Salt Lake City,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling.
Charter granted April 20, 1892.
Chapter organized May 3, 1892.
Joseph Hall, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Annie Waterhouse, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. F. Lizzie Peterson, Associate Matron.
27 petitioners. JOSEPH HALL, Wheeling,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

WISCONSIN.

Honor Chapter No. 1, Sturgeon Bay.
Charter granted July 10, 1890.
Chapter organized July 17, 1890.
Wm. A. Lawrence, Worthy Patron.
Miss Ula D. Noble, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. R. J. Thayer, Associate Matron.
30 petitioners. F. J. HAMILTON, Sturgeon Bay,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Milwaukee Chapter No. 2, Milwaukee.
Charter granted November 13, 1890.
Chapter organized November 20, 1890.
J. W. Laflin, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Mary L. Hendee, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. E. S. Elliot, Associate Matron.
167 petitioners. A. H. WRIGHT, Chicago,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Orient Chapter No. 3, Mazo Manie.
Charter granted January 13, 1891.
Chapter organized January 13, 1891.
J. H. Greening, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Laura M. Alvord, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Sarah Stickney, Associate Matron.
72 petitioners. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 4, Lodi.
Charter granted January 14, 1891.
Chapter organized January 14, 1891.
Eben B. Dunlap, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Sarah L. Pruyn, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Addie H. Blake, Associate Matron.
39 petitioners. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Mizpah Chapter No. 5, Star Prairie.
Charter granted January 17, 1891.
Chapter organized January 17, 1891.
A. C. Marvin, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Martha Jewell, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Mary S. Bixby, Associate Matron.
32 petitioners. A. P. SWANSTROM, St. Paul, Minn.,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Tomah Chapter No. 6, Tomah.
Charter granted January 24, 1891.
Chapter organized January 24, 1891.
John Little, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Adency Irons, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Elizabeth A. Burrows, Associate Matron.
29 petitioners. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Mineral Point Chapter No. 7, Mineral Point.
Charter granted February 12, 1891.
Chapter organized February 12, 1891.
J. A. Spratler, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Laura Cobb, Worthy Matron.
Miss Agnes F. Strong, Associate Matron.
111 petitioners. A. P. SWANSTROM, St. Paul, Minn.,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Relief Chapter No. 8, Maiden Rock, Wis.
Charter granted February 14, 1891.
Chapter organized February 14, 1891.
H. M. White, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. H. Richards, Worthy Matron.
Miss Maggie Mealey, Associate Matron.
27 petitioners. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Naomi Chapter No. 9, Wonewac.
Charter granted February 10, 1891.
Chapter organized February 10, 1891.
J. O. Pierce, Worthy Patron.
Miss Lydia Hill, Worthy Matron.
Miss J. Dehler, Associate Matron.
26 petitioners. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

Rob Morris Chapter No. 10, Eagle.
Charter granted February 11, 1891.
Chapter organized February 11, 1891.
Wm. W. Perry, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Elizabeth Bossingham, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Martha Yerkes, Associate Matron.
29 petitioners. JOHN W. LAFLIN, Milwaukee,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Ruth Chapter No. 1.
Charter granted July 16, 1892.
Chapter organized August 11, 1892.
W. E. Nally, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. Jennie Johnson, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. Alcena Lamons, Associate Matron.
57 petitioners. JOHN A. BECKER, Baltimore, Md.,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

LOUISIANA.

St. Joseph Chapter No. 5, St. Joseph.
Charter granted September 12, 1892.
H. A. Garrett, Worthy Patron.
Mrs. R. E. Briscoe, Worthy Matron.
Mrs. H. A. Garrett, Associate Matron.
25 petitioners. RICHARD LAMBERT, New Orleans,
Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron.

(St. Joseph Chapter No. 5, St. Joseph, La., was chartered September 12, 1892, making the number of Chapters chartered the last term just double the number chartered the previous term.)

Fifty-four Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter with a membership of 2860 have been released to organize Grand Chapters in Oregon, Montana, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Colorado and Maine. From the foregoing brief summary of a part of the work done by the General Grand Chapter, it will be conceded by every fair-minded person that while the General Grand Chapter has made mistakes, it has fulfilled every reasonable expectation and demand.

God bless and perpetuate our General Grand Chapter,—

"May her leaves never wither,
Her flowers never fade."

The edict of the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, barring our Order from that state, was rescinded at the meeting of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin in June, 1890.

As soon as the Masonic bars were let down by the Grand Lodge, and our Order permitted to enter the state, many of the most prominent Masons in the state, and their families, from being opposers of the

Order, became its most ardent promoters, and in a few months ten Subordinate Chapters were instituted, and a Grand Chapter organized, and to-day our order is in a most flourishing condition in that state. The work done in this state is but a sample of the work done in others. Experience has shown that wherever the principles of our Order find a lodgement, the prejudice arising from ignorance is speedily removed, and worthy men and women from every vocation in life become earnest seekers after the true light and knowledge of the Eastern Star.

The following Grand Chapters have been organized and recognized by me:

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR.
ORGANIZED NOV. 16, 1876.
ST. LOUIS, MO., NOV. 1, 1889.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, Greeting:

WHEREAS, a constitutional number of Chapters in Oregon Territory having organized a Grand Chapter Oct. 3, 1889, adopted a constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers, now,

THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, do declare the said Grand Chapter of Oregon to be duly and regularly organized, and I hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Oregon, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, the day and year above written.

[SEAL.] BENJAMIN LYNDS,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOV. 16, 1876.
ST. LOUIS, MO., Dec. 1, 1890.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, Greeting:

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Montana having organized a Grand Chapter Sept. 25, 1890, adopted a constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers, now,

THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do declare the said Grand Chapter of Montana to be duly and regularly organized, and I hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Montana, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of the General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, the day and year above written.

[SEAL] BENJAMIN LYNDS,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOV. 16, 1876.
ST. LOUIS, MO., March, 1891.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, Greeting:

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Wisconsin having organized a Grand Chapter, Feb. 19, 1891, adopted a constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers, now,

THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern

Star, do believe the said Grand Chapter of Wisconsin to be duly and regularly organized, and I hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter the day and year above written.

[SEAL.] BENJAMIN LYNDS,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOV. 16, 1876.

ST. LOUIS, MO., July, 1892.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, Greeting:

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of New Hampshire having organized a Grand Chapter May 12, 1891, adopted a constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers, now,

THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do declare the said Grand Chapter of New Hampshire to be duly and regularly organized, and I hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, the day and year above written.

[SEAL] BENJAMIN LYNDS,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOV. 16, 1876.
ST. LOUIS, MO., July 1, 1890.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, Greeting:

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Colorado having organized a Grand Chapter June 6, 1892, adopted a constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers, now,

THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do declare the said Grand Chapter of Colorado to be duly and regularly organized, and I hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Colorado, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, the day and year above written.

[SEAL] BENJAMIN LYNDS,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER,
ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR,
ORGANIZED NOV. 16, 1876.
ST. LOUIS, MO., Sept. 1, 1892.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, Greeting:

WHEREAS, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Maine having organized a Grand Chapter August 24, 1892, adopted a constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers, now,

THEREFORE, I, Benjamin Lynds, Most Worthy Grand

Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do declare the said Grand Chapter of Maine to be duly and regularly organized, and I hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Maine, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and the seal of the General Grand Chapter, the day and year above written.

[SEAL] BENJAMIN LYNDS,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

ATTEST: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

FINANCES.

At the time of the organization of the General Grand Chapter fears were expressed that it would be an expensive body to support; subsequent experience has shown that these fears were not well-founded, as since its organization its revenues have been more than sufficient to meet its necessary expenses, without levying the tax on the Grand Chapters allowed by the constitution, and if its surplus fund continues to increase the General Grand Chapter will be well able to make contributions toward the support of the Grand Chapters. The financial condition of the General Grand Chapter was never in so good a condition as at the present time. At our last meeting we had cash on hand, $3,828.36; cash on hand August 15, 1892, $5,455.17. This large increase of cash on hand is all the more gratifying, as the large and unusual expense incurred by the printing and distributing about 8,000 Rituals, free of cost to the Grand and Subordinate Chapters, has been paid out of the funds of the General Grand Chapter during this administration.

I have aimed to give a brief summary of the condition and work accomplished by the General Grand

Chapter during this administration; also the growth and condition of the Order at large. But for full and exact information on all these matters, I beg leave to refer you to the full and complete report of our Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron will inform you in reference to all questions coming to her notice, and particularly to those over which the constitution gives her jurisdiction.

COLUMBUS.

Sisters and Brothers of Columbus: It affords me great pleasure to meet you in your home city this pleasant morning. I sincerely thank you for the fraternal and cordial reception you have given the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter. This is my first visit to your city. I assure you I am much pleased with what I have seen of it; your schools and your churches tell the visitor of moral and intellectual culture; your homes and surroundings have an air of comfort which charms, and makes the visitor feel that it is a good place to be. Our Order, being founded upon a liberal basis, unites men and women who are comparatively strangers, often estranged from each other by the force of education and prejudice, in bonds of fraternal sympathy and love; it allows us to feel as the little girl did, who, having formed what was to her a pleasant acquaintance with another little girl, was enthusiastic in her praises when relating the circumstance to her mother; and on being asked by her mother, who introduced them, exclaimed in a surprised tone of voice, "why, mama, we did not need to be introduced, I smiled, and she smiled, and then we were acquainted." Our Order encourages making each others acquaintance in this way; and I sincerely hope that all here in

attendance upon this sessien of the General Grand Chapter will get well acquainted, whether they have been formally introduced to each other or not.

THANKS.

I desire to thank all my associate Grand Officers who have so cheerfully aided me in my work by their sympathy, advice and counsel. Particularly do I desire to return my thanks to our Right Worthy Grand Secretary for her valuable assistance so cheerfully rendered, during my term of office, all the way from first to now; surely such unselfish labor with such nobility of purpose deserves a generous recognition from our Order. The General Grand Chapter is to be congratulated on having secured the services of so zealous, efficient and faithful Right Worthy Grand Secretary. I have been the recipient of many courtesies and repeated favors from the officers of the several Grand Chapters and from the membership of the Order at large. Sisters and brothers, by your kind remembrances, you have strewn my official pathway with pleasant memories, and I but feebly express the feelings of my heart when I say I thank you.

CONCLUSION.

In conclusion, before returning to you the important trust which you so generously committed to my keeping three years ago, permit me to assure you of my appreciation of the high honor so freely conferred, and to express my heartfelt thanks for the courtesy and uniform kindness shown me during my term of office; and now, dear sisters and brothers, it remains for us, when these pleasant hours are past, to return to our various fields of labor, and address ourselves

to our daily duties, with industry, with patience, with fidelity,—till, from the failing of our powers, these labors are duties no more.

Fraternally,

BENJAMIN LYNDS,
M. W. Grand Patron.

On motion of Samuel L. C. Rhodes the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron was referred to the same committee to which the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred.

On motion the Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at two o'clock P. M. (central standard time.)

In Triennial Session.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

THURSDAY, September 15th, 1892.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at two o'clock P. M. pursuant to adjournment, the Most Grand Worthy Matron presiding. After prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the afternoon session open and ready for business.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary then submitted her report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS: —I herewith submit statement of receipts and disbursements from Oct. 1st, 1889, to Aug. 15th, 1892, inclusive. The transfer of the books, records and merchandise belonging to the General Grand Chapter, took place Oct. 4th, 1889,

Indianapolis. Wm. H. Smythe and Martin H. Rice, two members of the committee appointed by the General Grand Chapter at its last session for that purpose, were present. The following was transferred to me as your custodian:

SUPPLIES RECEIVED OCTOBER 4th, 1889, FROM BRO. W. D. ENGLE.

128 Badges.
538 Dimits.
494 Music Books.
726 Ode Cards.
5316 Petitions.
71 Signets, unmounted.
34 Signets, mounted.
751 Rituals.
212 Summonses.
451 Rules and Regulations, 1888.
14 Officers' Jewels, old.
Funeral Ceremonies.
1 New Ledger.
1 New Journal.
1 New Index.
1 Ledger in use, Date from Aug. '80.
1 Journal in use, Date from Aug. '80.
14 Proceedings of 1876.
100 Proceedings of 1878.
29 Proceedings of 1883.
123 Proceedings of 1886.
16 Volumes bound Proceedings Cal., Conn., Ill, Ind, Kans., Mass., Mo., N. Y, N. J., Ver., Minn., Ind. Ter., Ark, G. G. C.
32 Proceedings unbound.
26 Constitutions, 1885.
3 R. W. Grand Treas. Receipts.
475 Blank Reports to G. G. Ch.
2 Boxes Old Ritual Plates.
1 Brass Stamp, Old Ritual.
2 Electro-Plates, Ode Cards.
12 Electro-Plates, Music.
1 Wood-Cut for Letter-Heads.
1 Electro-Cut for Letter-Heads.
1 Seal, G. G. Chapter.
1 Wood-Cut, Seal G. G. Chapter.
1 Electro-Cut, Seal G. G. Chap.
Gilt Seals.
Tubes for Signets.
1 Press Table.
7 Blocks Bill-Heads.
86 Blank Charters.
12 Deputy Appointment Blanks.
5 Blocks Scratch-Paper.
Books and Records of Eminence Chapter, Col.
1 Register of Chapters.
1 Receipt-Book for Dues in use.
1 Warrant-Book in use.
1 Letter-Scale.
1 Water-Bowl.
1 Water-Brush.
1 Twine-Holder.
1 Large Case.
250 Petitions for Charters.
75 Blanks, List of Grand Officers.
1 Piece of Black Goods.
Lead-Pencils and Pen-Holders.
Secret Work and Minutes of 1889.

RECEIPTS.

Balance on hand Oct. 1, 1889	$3,828 36
Petition for Degrees and Affiliation	163.04
Petitions for Dispensations	22.90
Music, Ode Books	73.73
Dimits	31.87
Rituals	5,487.02
Odes	118.66
Signets	673.50
Blank Charters	73.35
Funeral Ceremonies	16.50
Rules and Regulations	7 05
Dues, Subordinate to Grand	1,622.34
Reports, Subordinate to Grand	102.43
Receipts for Dues	132.63
Notices for Dues	68.10
Warrants on Treasury	85.25
Summonses	8.64
Treasurer's Receipts	83.13
Representative Appointment Blanks	55.95
Dispensations	23.65
Charter Fees	1,085.00
Total Receipts	$13,763.10
Due Right Worthy Grand Secretary	.09
	$13,763.19

DISBURSEMENTS.

Petitions for Degrees and Affiliation	$64.34
Petititions for Dispensations	15 00
Music, Ode Books	31.89
Dimits	17.01
Rituals	3,355.28
Odes	26.72
Signets	323 35
Blank Charters	72.20
Funeral Ceremonies	12.30
Rules and Regulations	.55
Reports, Subordinate to Grand	80.50
Receipts for Dues	79.23
Notices for Dues	16.75
Warrants on Treasury	35.88

Summonses	5 81
Treasurer's Receipts	32.16
Representative Appointment Blanks	84.85
Dispensations	12.00
Charter Fees	209.25
Stationery and Printing	398.40
Postage and Express	1,059.64
Salary and Appropriations of the G. G. C	2,180 50
Traveling Expenses	148.54
Office Fixtures	23.80
Miscellaneous	22.00
Balance, Aug. 15. 1892	5,455.17
Total Expenditures	$13,763.10
Overpaid Grand Treasurer	.09
	$13.763.19

INVENTORY.

148	Rituals, gilt	$74.00
3690	Rituals	433.57
328	Ode Cards	1.64
85	Ode Books	8.75
2458	Dimits	5.88
5360	Petitions for Degrees	11.25
2025	Petitions for Affiliation	6.82
1200	Summonses	2.70
1618	Notices for Dues	2.25
851	Charters, 14-17	17.02
587	Charters, 18-23	17.69
673	Dispensations	8.10
1449	Petitions for Dispensations	10.85
245	Receipts for Dues	22.67
33	Warrants	3 05
84	Treasurer's Receipts	7.77
3333	Reports, Subordinate to Grand	32.83
850	Funeral Ceremonies	9.30
1595	Representative Appointment Blanks	68.58
24	Signets, mounted	18.00
4	Signets, unmounted	2 00
104	Badges	20.00
	Office Furniture	75.00
	Two sets Ritual Plates, one in use and one new, Electrotypes and Wood Cuts	459.00
	Total	1,318.72

Due from Grand Chapter of Illinois	229 60
Due from Grand Chapter of Nebraska	1.40
Due from Grand Chapter of Texas	190.21
Due from Grand Chapter of Washington	53.63
Due from Grand Chapter of Indian Territory	98 55
Due from Grand Chapter of New Hampshire	2.50
Due from Esther Chapter, Nevada	.38
Due from Lynds Chapter, Utah	4.94
Due from Mountain Gem Chapter, Idaho	4 50
Due from Ruth Chapter, Washington	2.63
Due from Golden Rod Chapter, New Hampshire	8.50
Due from Queen Esther Chapter, Illinois	.75
Due from Fort Worth Chapter, Texas	6.75
Due from Day Star Chapter, Illinois	.70
Due from Adah Chapter, Illinois	1.50
Due from Ruth Chapter, Illinois	.75
Due from Royal Chapter, Minnesota	1.00
Due from W. G. Lee	2.09
Due from Mrs. M.W. Swegle	.72
Total	$605.10

ASSETS.

Merchandise on hand	$1 318.72
Due from Grand Chapters and others	605.10
Cash on hand	5,455.21
Total Assets	$7,379.03

Of the balance due the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of Washington and Adah Chapter of Illinois have paid their indebtedness. The amount due from Ft. Worth Chapter, Texas, was on the books Oct. 1st, 1889. The Grand Chapters of Illinois and Texas settle annually, and as their meeting comes next month, the amount against these Grand bodies will be liquidated after their meeting.

CHARTERS SURRENDERED.

White Mountain Chapter, No. 2, Globe, Arizona, made their annual report to January 1st, 1892, paid their dues, dimitted all but seven of their members, and sent their charter, jewels and seal, to me, with a request that we issue dimits to the following named persons, which was done under the direction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron: Mrs. E. E. Taylor, Worthy Matron; T. A. Pascoe, Worthy Patron; Mrs. W. Trevillian, Conductress, P. T.; Mrs. J. A. Pascoe, Associate Matron; Mrs. Sarah Martin, Associate Conductress; W. H. Duryea, Secretary; C. C. Martin, Treasurer; Charter reached me March 2, 1892.

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS.

July 1st, 1889, there were reported fifteen delinquent Chapters under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter.

Golden Rule Chapter, No. 1, of Arizona, have paid their dues up to January, 1892.

Seven of the Chapters reported above were in Colorado, Dakota and Oregon; Grand Chapters having been organized in these States since that report, jurisdiction is relinquished by operation of the law of this Grand Body.

Evergreen Chapter, No. 2, Florida, was chartered in 1880, but never paid any dues.

Magnolia Chapter, No. 3, Florida, was chartered in 1882, but never paid any dues.

Mt. Idaho Chapter, No. 1, Idaho, was chartered in 1880, but never paid any dues.

Natches Chapter, No. 1, Mississippi, was chartered in 1886, but never paid any dues.

Hope Chapter, No. 1, N. Carolina, was chartered in 1882, and never paid any dues.

East Fork Chapter, No. 2, Tennessee, was chartered in 1880, but never paid any dues.

Fayetteville Chapter, No. 3, Tennessee, was chartered in 1881, but never paid any dues.

I would recommend that all Chapters delinquent under this head, October, 1889, be stricken from our books.

I would recommend that the dues against Garden City Chapter, of Colorado, for 1890, and Electa Chapter, No. 8, of Colorado, for 1891, be remitted.

Number of Chapters, October, 1889	39
Number of Chapters organized since that time	55
Total	94
Number of Chapters released by the organization of the following Grand Chapters:	
Grand Chapter of Oregon, October, 3, 1889	10
Grand Chapter of Montana, September 25, 1890	5
Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, February 19, 1891	10
Grand Chapter of New Hampshire, May 12, 1891	6
Grand Chapter of Colorado, June 6, 1892	12
Grand Chapter of Maine, August 24, 1892	11
Total	54
	40
Charters surrendered	1
Total number of Chapters	39

DELINQUENT CHAPTERS, AUGUST 15, 1892.

Alsap Chapter, No. 3, of Arizona, was chartered in May, 1887, and never paid any dues.

Mount Frisco Chapter, No. 4, of Arizona, was chartered in July, 1888, and paid dues for that year, but have paid nothing since.

Queen Esther Chapter of Kentucky, paid dues to January, 1889, and made their report for 1889 and 1890, but have not reported or paid any dues since.

Rob Morris Chapter of Louisiana, have paid no dues since 1888.

The last two Chapters are trying to reorganize.

Esther Chapter, No. 1, of Tennessee, was chartered July, 1880, reorganized in 1888, paid dues for that year, but have paid nothing since. Have written several times but can get no reply.

Total delinquent..... 5

Total number of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body.....34

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THIS GRAND BODY, WITH MEMBERSHIP.

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter No. 1, Burleson, organized 1891..... 44

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescot. Dues paid for 1891. 44

FLORIDA.

Electa Chapter No. 1, Green Cove Springs. Dues paid for 1891..... 44

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter No. 1, Lithonia. Dues paid for 1891... 39

Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Trion. Organized March, 1892. Charter members..... 32

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City. Dues paid for 1891..... 44

Ruth Chapter No. 3, Pocatello. Dues paid for 1891..... 50

Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion. Dues paid for 1891..... 37

Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, Rocky Bar. Dues paid for 1891 38
Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City. Organized March, 1892. Charter members 16
Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston. Organized June, 1892. Charter members 24

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter No. 2, De Koven. Dues paid for 1891... 60

LOUISIANA.

Rebecca Chapter No. 2, Welch. Dues paid for 1891..... 28
Robertsville Chapter No. 3, Robertsville. Dues paid for 1891 35
Mt. Carmel Chapter No. 4, Mt. Carmel. Dues paid for 1891 38

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Baltimore. Dues paid for 1891.... 61

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter No. 2, Austin. Dues paid for 1891..... 30
Esther Chapter No. 3, Carson City. Dues paid for 1891. 73
Adah Chapter No. 4, Reno. Dues paid for 1891..... 53

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton. Dues paid for 1891. 32
Ransford Chapter No. 2, Las Vegas. Dues paid for 1891. 50

NORTH CAROLINA.

Centre Grove Chapter No. 2. Centre Grove. Organized 1891 27

NORTH DAKOTA.

Lady Washington Chapter No. 1, Jamestown. Dues paid for 1891 55
Logan Chapter No. 2, Oakes. Dues paid for 1891..... 29
Wahpeton Chapter No. 3, Wahpeton. Dues paid for 1891. 27
Woodbine Chapter No. 4, Valley City. Dues paid for 1891 46

PENNSYLVANIA.

Wyoming Chapter No. 1, Pittston. Dues paid for 1891.. 115
Keystone Chapter No. 2, Duke Centre. Dues paid for 1891 61

Martha Washington Chapter No. 3, Scranton. Organized April, 1892. Charter Members 85

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence Chapter No. 1, Providence. Dues paid for 1891 130

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City. Organized June, 1892. Charter members 85

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling. Organized April, 1892. Charter members 27

WYOMING.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Laramie. Dues paid for 1891 25

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Ruth Chapter No. 1. Organized July, 1892. Charter members 60

34 Chapters, total membership 1,644
[St. Joseph Chapter, La., Chartered Sept. 12, 1892, 28.]

34	Chapters, total membership, General Grand Chapter			1,644
10	"	released in Oregon, membership		557
5	"	" " Montana, membership		314
10	"	" " Wisconsin, membership		563
6	"	" " New Hampshire, membership		214
12	"	" " Colorado, membership		539
11	"	" " Maine, membership		673

Total number of members under the jurisdiction of the G. G. Chapter from October 1st, 1889, to August 15th, 1892, inclusive 4,504

Released 2,860

34 Chapters with a total membership August 15th, 1892, of 1,644

Dimitted—Globe Chapter No. 1, Arizona, Charter surrendered 7

In receiving the effects of this office, I requested Bro. Willis D. Engle, my predecessor to deliver to me the stone from which the Signet was printed; he informed me that the Signet was a personal matter and that his interests were protected by a copyright, that I could not print them, but must purchase of him if I desired to handle that supply. I referred this matter to the M. W. Grand Matron. I found a demand for the Signet and wrote Mr. Engle under date of Feb. 11, 1890, for a net price; he replied under date of Feb. 14, 1890, as follows: "I desire to be as liberal as I can be, consistent with my own interests, in making a price on the Signet and am inclined to name 50 per cent. off the regular price." I have purchased the Signet at the above figures, pending the decision of the Most Worthy Grand Matron at a much greater cost to the General Grand Chapter than was ever charged before; hence my disbursements for that supply is much larger and the net gain much less.

We decided that since sisters were to direct the financial wheel of this Grand body for a coming term of three years, we would let the actual cash pass through the proper channel. I have remitted all moneys received directly to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer on the last day of each month, drawing an order for contingent expenses; only a few times have the remittances covered two months' receipts; as many times remittances have been made without drawing for the month's expenses. Nearly all large bills have been paid with warrants on the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer direct to the parties.

I assumed the position of Right Worthy Grand Secretary with much temerity, knowing that a sister who succeeded my predecessor after 13 years of faithful service, must be on the alert and do her whole duty. I have been a member of this General Grand Chapter

since its second session in 1878; elected at that time Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron. In 1880, you conferred still greater honors upon me and after serving the first full term of three years as Most Worthy Grand Matron, you elected me Right Worthy Grand Secretary; after being installed, I resigned that my predecessor might still be continued. When six years later, this honorable body again called me to this position, I accepted, believing my sisters and brothers would commend conscientious and faithful service as readily when rendered by a sister as a brother, buckled on my armor of courage and perseverence and entered upon my duties, trusting that at the close of my term of office, I should not be wholly unworthy of your approbation.

I was instructed to print the Proceedings of the 6th session of the General Grand Chapter and reprint the Proceedings of the 1st and 3d sessions which I did, mailing the first copies of the Proceedings of the last session, Nov. 23, 1889.

REVISED RITUAL.

As per instruction of this General Grand Chapter in regular session, I printed the Ritual as revised and exchanged the old for the new in accordance with the following resolution, page 82, General Grand Chapter Proceedings, 1889, which was adopted:

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be and he is hereby instructed to exchange the revised Ritual as adopted by this General Grand Chapter, for all Rituals now in use, *free of charge*, and that all Rituals received in exchange shall be destroyed as fast as received by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. It is understood and agreed that the Rituals to be received in exchange are those only, that were issued by this Grand Body.

To do this acceptably and surmount the obstacles which seemed to spring up in my pathway from time to time, needed a constant renewal of courage and a fresh supply of enthusiasm. I desired to know about how many Rituals had been published by this Grand Body to approximate the number to have printed; I notified my predecessor that I had no record of accounts prior to Aug. 10, 1880; I made a second request, but no response. For my own protection and that of my successor I notified the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the committee who were appointed to make the transfer of this office, April 12, 1890, that I had no record of accounts prior to the above date. The revised Ritual as adopted by the General Grand Chapter at the last session was printed and copyrighted under the direct advice and endorsement of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron, as the preface on page 5 of the Ritual will testify. The first Rituals were sent out Feb. 6, 1890. They would have been ready Jan. 1st, 1890, as anticipated, but the terrible epidemic which spread over this country during the winters of '89 and '90 retarding business and preventing the fulfillment of contracts was my only excuse for the delay.

Number of Rituals printed and paid for	21,899
Number of Old Rituals returned	7,055
Number of old Rituals on hand, October, 1889	751
Total number of Rituals to be accounted for	29,705
New Rituals sold	18,061
Old Rituals sold	271
Old Rituals destroyed	7,535
Rituals on hand, Aug. 15, 1892	3,838
Total number of Rituals accounted for August 15, 1892	29,705

I was very anxious to know how many Rituals had been returned to me to date, of the original num-

ber printed, so I ventured to ask my predecessor for the number of Rituals printed by the General Grand Chapter to June, 1882; as that was the first record I had of Rituals printed, and his reply was: "My memorandum shows 3,448 Rituals printed prior to June, 1882"; from June, 1882, to June, 1888, inclusive of both dates, 11,075; making the total number of Rituals printed by the General Grand Chapter, prior to the revised edition adopted 1889, 14,523.

My records show that 29,705 Rituals have been accounted for and handled from this office since October 1, 1889, and this number is more than double the number handled in the eleven years previous. (The first edition adopted by the General Grand Chapter was printed in 1878.) Of this number, 10,858 new Rituals were sent out the first fourteen months, and 6,336 old ones returned in the same time, making a total number handled the first fourteen months of 17,194. Several of the States exchanged the Ritual through this office, the labor falling directly upon me. Grand Secretaries would order the Rituals sent direct to their Subordinate Chapters, in packages of from one to twelve or more.

I have received between 7,000 and 8,000 letters; have written between 9,000 and 10,000; sent out nearly 12,000 circulars, postals and packages of supplies, to say nothing of supplies sent by express.

REVENUE.

The demand for supplies increased; I was asked by my predecessor to make a discount of 33⅓ per cent. off on the music-book, which had been a source of revenue to this General Grand Chapter for years. I consulted with the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and we decided that we must not curtail our revenue under

the added expense, and I declined to comply with the request. The music-book was advertised, and printed from new plates. I admonished the Bro. in the financial interests of this body, considering it was my duty, and his reply was: "It seems to my interest, and the book is not copyrighted." I again sought the advice and counsel of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. We realized that sisters were conducting the affairs of this General Grand Chapter for the first time, and as some had predicted failure, we counseled with earnestness, hoping to avert such a catastrophe, and decided to keep the following list of supplies, the revenue to go to the General Grand Chapter:

Rituals—To Grand Chapters, per copy			$ 50
To Subordinate Chapters and Members, per copy			75
Flexible Morocco bound, gilt edge, net			1.50
Ode Cards, per dozen			24
Ode Books, with music, 12 pages, per copy			20
Six or more copies ordered at the same time, per copy			15
Dimits, per dozen	10c	per hundred	75
Petitions for Degrees, per dozen	0c	" "	75
Petitions for Affiliations, per dozen	10c	" "	75
Summonses, per dozen	10c	" "	75
Notice for Dues, per dozen	10c	" "	75
Charters, 14x17, each	10c	per dozen	1.00
Charters, 18x23, 3 colors, each	25c	"	2.50
Dispensations, each	10c	"	1.00
Petition for Dispensation, each	5c	"	50
Receipt for Dues		per hundred, bound	50
Receipt for Dues—Grand to Subordinate Chapter, per hundred, bound			50
Warrants on Treasurer, per hundred, bound			50
Treasurer's Receipts, per hundred, bound			50
Reports—Subordinate to Grand Chapter, per dozen, 50 cents; per hundred			4.00
Funeral Ceremonies, in paper covers, per copy			05
Rules and Regulations for Government of Subordinate Chapters under immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, per copy			05
Representative Appointment Blanks, Bond Paper, 16x21, each 25 cents, per dozen			2.00
Signet—Lithographed in six colors, 27x36 inches, each			1.00
" " " " " 27x36 " mounted, each			1.50

You have patiently gone forth with me, knowing my fears, and possibly realizing my anxiety; I ask you now to turn backward, not to condone failure, but to record success, and if I compare, it is "with kindness for all, and malice toward none," and with a joyful remembrance that the clouds and discouragements have passed away, unbounded success having crowned our labors.

Received from Rituals from 1886 to 1889	$2,800
" " Charter fees, ($20.00 returned)	560
" " dues from Subordinate Chapters	1,467
" " supplies	800
Total receipts as preprinted records *without cents*	$5,627
Disbursements 1886 to 1889	3,370
Received from Rituals from 1889 to 1892	$5,487
" " Charter fees	1,085
" " dues from Subordinate Chapters	1,622
" " from supplies	1,740
Total receipts from 1889 to 1892	$9,934
Disbursements from 1889 to 1892	8,307
On hand October, 1889	$3,828.36
" " August 15, 1892	5,455
Due from Grand Chapters	575
" " others	80
Merchandise on hand	859
Wood cuts and electrotypes	459

Of the amount due this General Grand Chapter, $113 was due October, 1889. You will notice nearly every figure doubled. We have disbursed nearly three times as much money the past three years as was disbursed the previous term. We have received nearly twice as much money for Rituals, nearly twice as much money for Charter fees, and more than twice as much money for Supplies. You will pardon the above comparison, but it shows this General Grand Chapter what sisters have accomplished; of course we have had

the sympathy, advice and encouragement of all good brothers. I stand before my sisters and brothers to render an account of my stewardship and I present the above figures with pardonable pride, assuring them that but for the words of encouragement and commendation which reached me from time to time, I might have fallen by the wayside. And more forcibly than ever have I realized that "words spoken are but air, but when written they become things."

I would suggest that when the supply of Proceedings of the General Grand Chapter for any session is exhausted, that the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be empowered to have a reprint of the same.

WORLD'S FAIR.

I have applied for space in the Liberal Arts' building of the World's Fair to represent the Order of the Eastern Star, its "origin, progress and development," and trust that some provision may be made to keep "open house" for the comfort, pleasure and information of members and visitors. I was in hopes space would have been allowed, but the allotment does not begin till October 1, 1892.

The error in the last printed Proceedings of this General Grand Chapter, showing that Texas had withdrawn its allegiance to this Grand Body was due to the printer; the fault was not mine as it was a correct copy of the minutes furnished me by my predecessor.

The following resolution was received from the Grand Secretary of Colorado, Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, July 18, 1892:

Resolved, That it is the sense of the members of this convention here assembled, that the per capita tax of the Subordinate Chapters for 1892 paid to the General Grand Chapter, after the

recognition of the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Colorado, by the General Grand Chapter shall be refunded and accredited to the Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, of Colorado, for supplies. The Grand Secretary shall forward a copy of this resolution to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, for the purpose of bringing the resolution before the General Grand Chapter at its session at Columbus, Ohio, on September 15th, 1892.

I have collected twenty-five cents per capita tax for the current year. I would recommend that hereafter Chapters organized, pay dues pro rata in quarters of each year; that is, a Chapter organized the last quarter of the year, shall pay only quarter of the entire amount of per capita tax due; if a Chapter is organized during the first quarter, they shall pay for the entire year; second quarter, they shall pay three-fourths of the total amount for the year, etc.

NEW TERRITORY.

Chapters have been organized in new territory as follows: Alabama, Florida, Georgia, N. Carolina, Rhode Island, Utah, West Virginia, Wisconsin and last, but not least, in the Capital city of the nation, Washington, D. C. A Chapter was organized in Florida and N. Carolina in 1882, but never reported after organization; hence we report these States as new territory.

You will pardon me if I make special mention of the wonderful growth of the Order in Wisconsin and the enthusiasm manifested in that jurisdiction. Feb. 24th, 1890, I received an inquiry from John W. Laflin, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge, seeking information regarding the Eastern Star, which I gladly furnished. "A ruling of one of the Grand Masters some years ago which was sustained by the Grand

Lodge, practically shut out Chapters of the Order by declaring that they were not Masonic and could not under the law of Wisconsin, occupy Masonic Halls." At the annual communication of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin held at Milwaukee, June 10th, 1890, the Grand Master, Myron Reed, spoke as follows: "During the past year I have received a large number of communications from Lodges all over the State, asking if our lodge rooms could be used for meetings of an Order known as the 'Eastern Star.' This is an independent Order claiming to be closely allied to our Masonic Order, and aims to give practical effect to Masonry's beneficient purpose to provide for the families of Masons. It is an Order composed of Masons and their wives, daughters, widows, mothers and sisters. It is not a new organization, but has been in existence for several years and is quite strongly established in several States of the Union. I lay before you such information as I have to aid you in determining this question."

Eugene S. Elliot, John Lamont, Hans B. Warner, D. McL. Miller, Chas. H. Nye, the special committee to whom was referred this portion of the address, reports:

"Your committee recommend that in all cases where the Grand Master shall deem it expedient to grant dispensations to enable the Order of the Eastern Star to hold its Chapters in Masonic lodge rooms, that such dispensations be granted without charge," which was adopted.

July 10th, 1890, a charter was granted to the sisters and brothers of Sturgeon Bay under the name of Honor Chapter, No. 1, with Wm. A. Lawrence, Worthy Patron. Then followed Milwaukee Chapter,

No. 2, organized Nov. 20th, 1890, with John W. Laflin, Worthy Patron. Miriam Chapter, No. 1, of Chicago, responded to an invitation to go and exemplify the work (and pay their own expenses) which they did in a charming manner. A. H. Wright, Worthy Patron, who was also Associate Grand Patron of Illinois and deputy of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, organized this Chapter.

Feb. 9, 1891, Milwaukee Chapter extended an invitation to all Chapters in Wisconsin to meet with them and consider the advisability of organizing a Grand Chapter. The call was responded to and an organization effected. They have held a second session and the record shows that they organized a Grand Chapter Feb. 19, 1891, with ten Chapters and 605 members. February, 1892, they could boast of twenty-nine active Chapters with a membership of 1521.

The action of the Grand Lodge of New Mexico, if reports are true, show development and progress as "by a decree it has recognized the Order of the Eastern Star of that country, and allowed a representative in said Grand Lodge."

I had hoped to report a charter granted at Melbourne, Australia, as I have had quite an extensive correspondence with interested parties in that country.

Entire membership of the Order October 1st, 1889, in 692 Chapters with a membership of 35,590

608 Chapters under the authority of the General Grand Chapter 30,688

The statistical table which I prepared from correspondence with the Grand Secretaries November 1st, 1889, showed an increased membership. 39 Chapters

under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter with a membership of..... 2,013

696 Chapters in 16 Grand Chapters owing allegiance to the General Grand Chapter with a membership of..... 33,567

90 Chapters in independent Grand Chapters.. 5,300

Total membership 40,880

Strange as it may appear, the total membership of the Order as officially reported to August 1st, 1892, nearly double the figures of three years ago and are as follows:

34 Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with a membership of 1,644

1,145 Chapters in 21 Grand Chapters who are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter..... 53,478

146 Chapters in the States of Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, Vermont and Minnesota, with a membership of..... 9,009

Total..... 64,131

The above is based upon the reports of the Grand Secretaries, and shows an actual membership (with only a few estimates) August 1st, 1892, as above stated, except Wisconsin, which was taken February, 1892. Ten Chapters have been organized in Wisconsin since February, 1892.

CONCLUSION.

Thankful, indeed, for this opportunity to express my most sincere gratitude to my associate officers for

the many kindnesses extended to me during the past three years, and to the members of the Order at large, who have on all occasions been more than generous in bestowing kind courtesies and attentions. My official relations with the M. W. Grand Matron and the M. W. Grand Patron have been marked with perfect harmony of action in every detail. They have been ever ready to encourage and aid me in the performance of my duties and in appreciation of their confidence, it has been my constant study to merit their approval and give the Order my best efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine J. Pilkin

R. W. Grand Secretary.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer then submitted her report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, by the Most Worthy Grand Matron:

ANAMOSA, August 15, 1892.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Right Worthy Grand Treasurer presents the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 27, 1889.	Rec'd from former R.-W. G. Treas., J. R. Parson				$3,828 36
Oct. 13, "	Rec'd fr. R.-W. Grand Sec'y, Lorraine J. Pitkin				33.22
Dec. 10, "	"	"	"		55.96
Jan. 4, 1890.	"	"	"		143.78
Feb. 5, "	"	"	"		189.62
April 3, "	"	"	"		335 84
May 5, "	"	"	"		104.24
June 6, "	"	"	"		61.12
July 2, "	"	"	"		196 61
Aug. 6, "	"	"	"		156.40
Sept. 30, "	"	"	"		221.42
Nov. 4, "	"	"	"		523.67
Dec. 2, "	"	"	"		515.06
Jan. 2, 1891.	"	"	"		226.17
Feb. 11, "	"	"	"		890 50
April 2, "	"	"	"		667.72
May 12, "	"	"	"		196.20
July 3, "	"	"	"		434.25
Sept. 1, "	"	"	"		396.11
Oct. 3, "	"	"	"		259 08
Nov. 9, "	"	"	"		632.85
Dec. 5, "	"	"	"		255.12
Dec. 31, "	"	"	"		317.83
Feb. 5, 1892.	"	"	"		368.83
Mar. 2, "	"	"	"		371.42
April 4, "	"	"	"		282.57
May 3, "	"	"	"		569.87
June 7, "	"	"	"		346.61
July 4, "	"	"	"		362.63
Aug. 25, "	"	"	"		820.64
Total					$13,763.19

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS.

Sept. 28,	1889.	No.	102, Elmer Smythe, services as elevator boy	$ 6.00
" 28,	"	"	103, Mrs. S.W. Burns, Worthy Grand Sentinel	25.00
" 28,	"	"	104, Mrs. M. A. Flint, M.-W. Grand Matron	210.00
" 28,	"	"	105, Mrs. M. A. Hepler, Ritual Committee	60.00
" 28,	"	"	106, W. D. Engle, R.-W. Grand Secretary	200.00
Oct. 2,	"	"	107, J. S. Conover, M.-W. Grand Patron	220.00
Sept. 28,	'	"	108, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Ritual Committee	30.00
Oct. 30,	"	"	109, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Fund	100.00
Nov. 2,	"	"	110, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Fund	400.00
Jan. 4,	"	"	111, Illinois Paper Co., paper for 1500 Rituals	283.56
" 25,	"	"	112, J. C. Drake, printing	100.00
" 4,	"	"	113, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary Oct. 1, 1891 to Dec. 31, 1891	125.00
Feb. 3,	"	"	114, J. Manz & Company, cuts for Ritual	98.75
" 5,	"	"	115, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses	100 00
Mar. 3,	"	"	116, J. C. Drake, printing	451.45
" 11,	"	"	117, John Anderson Pub. Co., freight, postage & exp.	51.95
April 3,	"	"	118, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary Jan., Feb. and March, 1890	125.00
" 16,	"	"	119, J. Anderson Pub. Co., binding 7608 Rituals	608.64
May 5,	"	"	120, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses	180.62
" 14,	"	"	121, Knight & Leonard, printing	70 00
" 21,	"	"	122, Manz & Company, wood cuts	150.15
July 7,	"	"	123, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses	94.74
" 12,	"	"	124, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary April, May and June	125.00
Aug. 8,	"	"	125, J. Anderson Pub. Co., printing supplies for G.G.C.	165.60
Sept. 19,	"	"	126, John Anderson Pub. Co., binding Rituals	402.22
Oct. 1,	"	"	128, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses for July, Aug. and Sept.	110.55
" 1,	"	"	129. Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary for July, Aug. and Sept.	125.00
" 2,	"	"	127, John Anderson Pub. Co., printing and express	50.51
Dec. 3,	"	"	130, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses for October & November	103.67
" 31,	"	"	131, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary for term ending Dec. 31, 1890	125.00
Jan. 1,	1891.	"	133, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Contingent Fund for Dec., 1890	27.00
" 3,	"	"	132, John Anderson Pub. Co., Printing	40.00
Feb. 14,	"	"	134, John Anderson Pub. Co., Supplies	52.40
Mar. 31,	"	"	135, John Anderson Pub. Co., 5000 Rituals	625.75
April 2,	"	"	137, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Con. Fund, Jan., Feb. and March	137.73
" 2,	"	"	138, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary Jan., Feb. and March	125.00
" 3,	"	"	136, John Anderson Pub. Co.	87.99
July 3,	"	"	139, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary three months and expenses for May and June	228.72

Sept. 3, 1891.	No. 140, Lorraine J. Pitkin, on account expenses for July and August, 1891		43 75
Oct. 3, "	" 141, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary July, Aug. and Sept.		125 00
" 3, "	" 142, John Anderson Pub. Co., printing		100.00
" 6, "	" 143, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses Sept., 1891		24.56
Oct. 13, "	" 144, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses Oct 1891		46.66
Dec. 31, "	" 145, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary October, November and December, 1891		125 00
" 31, "	" 146, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses for Nov. and Dec., 1891		78.41
Feb. 9, 1892.	" 147, John Anderson Pub. Co., printing		57.90
Mar. 9, "	" 148, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses for Jan. and Feb.		99.56
" 31, "	" 149, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary January, February, March and expenses		245.80
May 6, "	" 150, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses for April		74.42
June 20, "	" 151, John Anderson Pub. Co., acc't of Rituals		585.00
July 6, "	" 152, Lorraine J. Pitkin, salary April, May and June		125 00
" 6, "	" 153, Lorraine J. Pitkin, on account		92.87
Aug. 13, "	" 155, John Anderson Pub. Co., on account printing, in full to date		26.15
" 27, "	" 154, Lorraine J. Pitkin, on acc't salary	$ 62.50	
	Contingent July and Aug. to Aug. 15th	172.40	
			234.90
	Total expenditure		$8,307 98

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts	$13,763.19
Total Expenditures	8,307.98
Balance on hand	$ 5,455.21

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET A. ERCANBRACK,
R. W. Grand Treasurer.

Willis D. Engle asked the privilege of explaining the reference made in the Most Worthy Grand Matron's and Right Worthy Grand Secretary's reports regarding the Signet, Ode Book and books of record, which was granted.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—Wm. A. Lawrence, Mrs. B. J. McClintock and Mrs. Mary E. Mount.

Finance, Ways and Means.—Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, A. H. Wright and Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger.

Unfinished Business.—Joseph W. Hill, Mrs. Maria Jackson and Mrs. Clara A. McBride.

Jurisprudence.—Samuel L. C. Rhodes, Mrs. Mary E. Partridge and Mrs. Ida M. Beloate.

Appeals and Grievances.—John G. Holland, Mrs. Mary H. Martin, H. H. Hinds and Mrs. Mary D. M. Quimby.

Charters.—Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Joseph Hall and Mrs. Mattie Murray.

On motion of Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, a recess of five minutes was taken that the Committee on Credentials might prepare a partial report.

The General Grand Chapter was called to order by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary made a partial report for the Committee on Credentials, and the committee was given further time.

FINANCE.

A. H. Wright from the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, submitted their report as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

We, your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, submit the following as our report:

1. We recommend that the Most Worthy Grand Matron be paid the sum of $200, and the Most Worthy Grand Patron be paid the sum of $200.

2. We spent two entire days in the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and examined all the books, bills and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, and found the same correct in every detail, and we congratulate this Grand Body on its financial condition. We found the office conducted in a systematic manner, the books kept by double entry system, and the office well stocked with supplies that have created a very substantial source of revenue, as shown by her report. We recommend that the list of supplies as prepared by her be continued.

3. Finding that the exchange of Rituals involved an unusual amount of extra labor, over 29,000 books (new and old) passing through the office, many of them in packages of from one to ten, together with the preparation of new plates and cuts, and the printing of new supplies, made it necessary for the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to hire an assistant for a considerable part of a year; and believing this an expense not likely to occur again, we recommend that the sum of $300 be paid the Right Worthy Grand Secretary for such extra assistance.

4. We found upon entering upon our duties as a committee, that our Right Worthy Grand Treasurer and Right Worthy Grand Secretary had filed a voluntary bond for $5,000 each. Upon examination as to the sufficiency of the bond, we found that no provision had been made for any bond whatever. We recommend that the movement inaugurated by these officers be continued.

5. We recommend that the elective officers and three each of the six standing committees be paid a mileage of three cents one way.

6. We recommend that three trustees be appointed (two by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and one by the Most Worthy Grand Patron), whose duty it shall be to take charge of the properties of the General Grand Chapter and be held responsi-

ble for the investment of the funds, the surplus funds to be invested in interest-bearing securities. We approve the custom of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary of remitting all the money in her hands to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer monthly, and recommend that in the future it be strictly adhered to.

7. We recommend that 2,000 copies of the Proceedings of this session be printed for distribution.

8. We recommend that $30 be paid the Grand Sentinel.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN.
A. H. WRIGHT.
MRS. EVA M. HOLLINGER.

Upon motion of Wm. H. Smythe, recommendation No. 1 was amended by inserting the sum of $600 instead of $200 to be paid to the Most Worthy Grand Matron. Upon motion, recommendations No. 2 and 3 were concurred in.

Recommendation No. 4 was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and recommendations No. 5 and 6 were recommitted to the committee. Recommendation No. 7 was concurred in.

Upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford, recommendation No. 8 was amended by inserting $40 instead of $30, as recommended by the committee.

CREDENTIALS.

Wm. A. Lawrence, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following named persons present:

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, M. W. Grand Matron.
Benjamin Lynds, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, R. W. A. Grand Matron.✓
James R. Donnell, R. W. A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.✓
Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Robert T. King, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, W. G. Associate Conductress.
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, W. Grand Adah.
Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Sarah W. Burns, W. Grand Sentinel.

PAST M. W. GRAND MATRONS.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.✓
Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Ida M. Beloate, Grand Matron.
John G. Holland, Grand Patron.
Mrs. M. Devaughan, A. Grand Matron.
Jas. R. Donnell, P. Grand Patron.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Jane M. Ricketts, Grand Matron.
A. H. Wright, Grand Patron.
Chas. A. Winship, proxy for A. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Inez J. Bender, proxy for A. Grand Patron. ✓
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. Grand Matron.✓
Mrs. Sophia C. Scott, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, P. Grand Matron.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Grand Matron.
Wm. H. Smythe, proxy for Grand Patron. ✓
Mrs Helen E. Macomber, A. Grand Matron.
Oliver B. Sargent, A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. Grand Matron. ✓
Willis D. Engle, P. Grand Patron. ✓

IOWA.

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Grand Matron. ✓
Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, P. Grand Matron and proxy for A. Grand Matron.
Geo. H. Jackson, P. Grand Patron.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, proxy for Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. McClure, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Carrie O. Getty, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Florence Magee, A. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Libbie B. Towner, proxy for A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, P. Grand Matron. ✓

MASSACHUSETTS.

Joseph W. Hill, P. Grand Patron and proxy for Grand Matron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, proxy for Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN.

H. H. Hinds, Grand Patron. ✓
Mrs. Ida J. Martin, A. Grand Matron. ✓
Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds, proxy for A. Grand Patron.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Grand Matron.
N. A. Gearhart, Grand Patron.
W. H. Jacoby, proxy for A. Grand Matron.
S. M. Baldwin, proxy for A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Rozeneth Mayhem, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Louisa Jacoby, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Victoria C. Little, P. Grand Matron.
Andrew J. Swanstrom, P. Grand Patron.
Chas. L. Mayhem, P. Grand Patron.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Mary E. Lynds, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron, A. Grand Patron and A. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, Grand Matron.
Benjamin Lynds, P. Grand Patron.
Samuel L. C. Rhodes, P. Grand Patron.

MONTANA.

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, P. Grand Matron, proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Mary E. Mount, P. Grand Matron.
Edwin Davis, P. Grand Patron.

OHIO.

Mrs. B. J. McClintock, Grand Matron and proxy for A. Grand Matron.
S. H. Schmuck, Grand Patron.
W. H. Osborn, A. Grand Patron.
Robert T. King, P. Grand Patron.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, P. Grand Matron, and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Mary H. Martin, Grand Matron.

J. W. Laflin, proxy for Grand Patron.

Mrs. Helen M. Laflin, proxy for A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Adency Irons, P. Grand Matron.

Wm. A. Lawrence, P. Grand Patron.

NEW MEXICO.

Mrs. Mattie Murray, Worthy Matron and Representative for Ransford Chapter, No. 2, East Las Vegas.

W. VIRGINIA.

Joseph Hall, Worthy Patron and Representative from Miriam Chapter, No. 1, Wheeling.

Fraternally submitted,

WILLIAM A. LAWRENCE,
MRS. B. J. MCCLINTOCK,
MRS. MARY E. MOUNT.

Upon motion of H. H. Hinds, the report on credentials was adopted as read, except so far as it related to the jurisdiction of Minnesota.

H. H. Hinds moved that the report of the Committee be adopted so far as it related to the jurisdiction of Minnesota.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron decided that the matter be held in abeyance pending the report of the Committee on Addresses.

ADDRESSES.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, for distribution, submit the following recommendations:

That such part of their addresses as refers to deceased members be referred to a special committee of three.

That so much of their addresses as refers to deputies be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of their addresses as refers to special dispensations be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of their addresses as refers to decisions, and to Electa Chapter, No. 2, of Austin, Nevada, and to the jurisdiction of Oklahoma and Indian Territory, and to the question of withdrawal of recognition of a Grand Chapter in Minnesota, and to by-laws approved, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much of their addresses as refer to a Signet, Book of Records and Ode Book, be referred to a special committee.

That so much of their addresses as refer to the Most Worthy Grand Matron's signature to charters, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That the proposed amendments to the constitution, and the manner of organizing Grand Chapters, be referred to the same committee.

That all matters not covered by the above recommendations, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

WM. A. LAWRENCE,
MRS. CARRIE O. GETTY,
WILLIAM H. SMYTHE.

AMENDMENTS.

The following amendments were read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

1. *Resolved*, That Article 10 be amended to read:

"Sec. 3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy

Grand Patron, before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron."—*W. D. Engle.*

2. *Resolved*, That Article 11 be amended to add:

"Sec. 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, before the transfer is made to the same and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron."—*W. D. Engle.*

3. *Resolved*, That Sec. 1, of Article 16 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, "ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter," and insert the following: "at the time of the appointment of the appointed officers of the General Grand Chapter."—*Joseph W. Hill.*

4. *Resolved*, That Sec. 1 of Article 16, of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words "not less than" in the fourth and fifth lines of said section."—*Wm. H. Smythe.*

5. *Resolved*, That Sec. 2, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended by inserting "of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction and one delegate or a legally appointed proxy from each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter not in arrears for dues, in States and Territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist" after the word "proxies."—*W. D. Engle.*

6. *Resolved*, That Sec. 3, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended by adding the words, "owning allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter" after the words "subordinate Chapter."—*W. D. Engle.*

7. *Resolved*, That Sec. 5, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended by adding the words, "and delegates from Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in States or Territories where less than five Chapters exist."—*W. D. Engle.*

8. *Resolved*, That Sec. 4, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended by adding the words, "or a member of the Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter

in a State or Territory where no Grand Chapter exists, he or she represents."—*W. D. Engle.*

9. Amend Article 6 by adding Sec. 4. "The officers of and representatives to the General Grand Chapter shall receive such compensation for their expenses in attending the meetings of the General Grand Chapter as it shall, from time to time, appropriate."—*C. A. Winship.*

10. Add to Article 16, Sec. 1: "7. On pay of Representatives." Seventh, "It shall be the duty of the Committee on Pay of Representatives to examine and audit the expenses of the General Grand Officers and Representatives to the General Grand Chapter and report the same to the General Grand Chapter."—*C. A. Winship.*

Motion prevailed to call off until nine o'clock tomorrow morning, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaiming the call.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

FRIDAY, September 16th, 1892.

The General Grand Chapter was called to order at 10:30 A. M. by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron. After singing and prayer the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the General Grand Chapter open for business.

Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, was conducted to the East by the Worthy Grand Conductress, and saluted with the grand honors.

The minutes of the preceding day's session were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion they were approved as read.

Willis D. Engle asked the privilege of submitting his remarks made at the previous day's session to writing, and that they be embodied in the proceedings.

Upon motion the request was granted.

Upon motion, the brother was instructed to present them at this session of the General Grand Chapter

JURISPRUDENCE.

Samuel L. C. Rhodes, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following, which was read and considered by sections:

To the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Jurisprudence to whom was referred the several matters in the very excellent addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, after a careful consideration, submit the following report:

1. We find that the appointment of deputies by the Most Worthy Grand Patron conform to the law, and recommend that they be confirmed.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

2. We find that the joint edict issued by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, withdrawing recognition of this General Crand Chapter from the old Grand Chapter of Minnesota, is in obedience to the orders of this General Grand body, adopted in the year 1889, and we recommend that their joint action be confirmed.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

3. We recommend that the recognition of the Grand Chapters by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, of Oregon, Montana, Wisconsin, New Hampshire, Colorado and Maine, be confirmed by this General Grand Chapter.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

4. We find that the deputies appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron are in accordance with law, and recommend that their acts be confirmed.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

5. We find that the dispensations granted, decisions rendered and by-laws approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron,

and her action in regard to Electa Chapter, No. 2, Austin, Nevada, all in conformity with law, and recommend that they be confirmed.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

6. We recommend that Article 3, Section 5, be amended by adding after "work" "and Signet."

Recommendation of the committee concurred in; 36 for, 2 against.

7. Also Article 7, Section 1, be amended by adding after "Ritual" "and one Signet."

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

8. Recommendations of the Most Worthy Grand Matron that the Most Worthy Grand Matron sign the circular letters sent out by the General Grand Chapter in recognition of newly organized Grand Chapters—we approve and recommend its adoption.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

9. That Article 10, Section 1, be amended as recommended, which is as follows: "Eighth—To act as the financial agent in the purchase and sale of the Ritual, Signets, Blanks, and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives its revenue."

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

10. That Article 4, Section 1, be amended as recommended, which is as follows: "The General Grand Chapter shall meet every three years, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meetings."

Recommendation of the committee was *not* concurred in, but, upon motion, the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was amended to read as follows:

"The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year."

11. As to the manner of organizing Grand Chapters, we approve and recommend its adoption as Section 2 of Article 13, making Section 2, 3, and Section 3, 4.

"Section 2. When there be a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call shall be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, signed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary."

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

12. In the matter of dues, we recommend that Article 7 be amended by adding as follows:

"Section 3. Every subordinate Chapter, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall pay annually to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it, on the 31st day of December of each year, except Chapters chartered during recess, which shall pay dues for that year in proportion to time organized, and Grand Chapters organized must pay dues in proportion to date of organization, and no Chapter or Grand Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the General Grand Chapter until such dues are paid."

Upon motion, the committee was instructed to amend Section 2 of Article 7, in two first lines, as follows:

"The General Grand Chapter shall levy such contributions upon the several Grand Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction as in its judgment shall require."

Motion to postpone action on this section to the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter was lost by a vote of 36 against and 9 for.

Motion to reconsider the motion on postponement was lost by a vote of 33 against and 6 for.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

Motion prevailed that Robert T. King be appointed a committee to procure place of meeting for an evening session.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron called from labor pending the report of the Jurisprudence Committee.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

FRIDAY, September 16th, 1892.

The General Grand Chapter was called to order at two o'clock P. M., pursuant to adjournment, the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Samuel L. C. Rhodes continued his report as follows:

We approve the following amendments to the Constitution:

That Article 10 be amended to read, by adding, "Section 3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron."

That Article 11 be amended to read, by adding, "Section 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron."

The recommendation of the committee on the above amendments was concurred in; 40 votes for, 1 against.

That Section 1 of Article 16 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, "ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter" and insert the following: "at the time of the appointment of the appointed officers of the General Grand Chapter."

Recommendation of the committee was *not* concurred in.

Upon motion, action upon this amendment was postponed until after the report of the Committee on Finance; 44 votes for, 1 against.

That Section 1 of Article 16 of the Constitution be amended by striking out the words, "not less than" in the fourth and fifth lines of said section.

Recommendation of the committee concurred in.

That Section 2, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended by inserting, "of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction and one delegate or a legally appointed proxy from each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues, in States and Territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist," after the word "proxies."

That Section 3, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended by adding the words, "owning allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter," after the words "subordinate Chapter."

That Section 5, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended by adding the words "and delegates from Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in States or Territories where less than five Chapters exist."

That Section 4, Article 2, of the Constitution be amended

by adding the words, "or a member of the Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in a State or Territory where no Grand Chapter exists, he or she represents."

Recommendation of the committee upon the four last amendments was concurred in.

Amend Article 6 by adding, "Section 4. The officers of and representatives to the General Grand Chapter shall receive such compensation for their expenses in attending the meetings of the General Grand Chapter as it shall, from time to time, appropriate."

Add to Article 16, Section 1, "7. On pay of representatives." "Seventh. It shall be the duty of the Committee on Pay of Representatives to examine and audit the expenses of the General Grand Officers and Representatives to the General Grand Chapter, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter.

Your committee do *not* approve of the last two amendments.

Recommendation of the committee was *not* concurred in.

Upon motion, action upon the above amendments was postponed until after the report of the Committee on Finance.

In the matter of jurisdiction over the territory of Oklahoma, we find that on July 11, 1889, a Grand Chapter was organized for the Indian Territory, which then embraced the geographical domain since set apart by the U. S. Government as the territory of Oklahoma.

Subsequent to the organization of said Grand Chapter this body formally recognized it and thereby surrendered to it all the government and control of the Order in said territory, and we find no law whereby this General Grand Chapter can regain government and control over the Order in that territory, or any

portion thereof, unless it be voluntarily surrendered, or the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory ceases to exist; and, in our opinion, said Grand Chapter still has exclusive jurisdiction, and can exercise all the rights of sovereignty therein until, by arrangements mutually satisfactory to the Chapters in the two territories, it may surrender a portion thereof.

Any other action, it seems to us, would give rise to many complications and bring controversies into the General Grand Chapter, instead of leaving the settlement of details where they properly belong and can be most satisfactorily adjusted with the Order in that jurisdiction.

While the question, so far as it relates to Oklahoma, is not at present pregnant with great dangers, its settlement may form a precedent which may lead to trouble in the futnre. For instance, the Grand Chapter of Texas (which adjoins), exercises jurisdiction over a vast territory which will in the future, undoubtedly, be divided into possibly five separate commonwealths, only one of which could retain the name Texas, and if we should make a precedent which would give to the Order in the State so named the rights and emoluments of the original body, and confiscate the jurisdiction over the four other commonwealths, it will work great injury, as the Chapters thus relegated to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter would, of necessity, forfeit all claims to the assets of the original Grand Chapter, although they might have contributed the greater part of the same, and also the new State of Texas might not contain a sufficient number of Chapters to maintain a Grand Chapter.

We have no right, and certainly it is not expedient for us to assume it, to attempt to declare what portion of the Order in any given jurisdiction, that may be divided by the action of the civil government only shall retain, and what portion shall surrender the rights they have in a grand body of which they are coördinate members. We, therefore, submit the following:

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Chapter of Indian Territory is entitled to retain jurisdiction over the entire original geographical territory for which it was organized until, by its own action,

it may surrender same, either to this General Grand Chapter or to a Grand Chapter that may be organized for the territory of Oklahoma."

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL L. C. RHODES,
MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE,
MRS. IDA M. BELOATE.

The resolution presented by the Jurisprudence Committee relative to the Indian Territory matter was upon motion adopted, 30 voting in the affirmative and none in the negative.

Upon motion, the report of the committee as amended was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

RESOLUTION.

William H. Smythe presented the following resolution and moved its adoption:

Whereas, The General Grand Chapter has withdrawn recognition from the Grand Chapter of Minnesota; and,

Whereas, The representatives of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, of which Sister Mary C. Taylor, of Minneapolis, is Grand Matron, and Nathaniel A. Gearhart, of Duluth, is Grand Patron, are here knocking at the door of the General Grand Chapter with a live and healthy organization; therefore, be it

Resolved, That said Grand Chapter of Minnesota be, and the same is hereby formally recognized by this Grand Body, and from this date, shall be accorded all the rights of membership allowed by the Constitution and laws of the General Grand Chapter; and be it

Resolved, That all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, now residing in the State of Minnesota, shall become members of this General Grand Chapter so soon as they shall

affiliate with Chapters working under charters issued by the said Grand Chapter herein recognized; and be it further

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Patron be, and is hereby instructed to officially proclaim this action to all Grand Chapters, acknowledging allegiance to this General Grand Chapter; and be it also

Resolved, That the above and foregoing shall be a final settlement of this question so far as this General Grand Chapter is concerned.

H. H. Hinds moved that ten minutes time be given interested parties from Minnesota for explanations.

Joseph W. Hill moved to postpone, which was lost, only five voting in the affirmative.

Motion recurring upon the motion to give each side ten minutes was carried.

The previous question was called for, and upon motion, ordered.

Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews requested a vote by roll call, which resulted as follows: 77 votes cast, 42 voting for the adoption of the resolution and 35 against.

Upon request the roll was called a second time and vote verified with the same result.

FINANCE.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following additional report:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

We, your committee, report as follows on the portion of our report that was recommitted to us:

We recommend that the regularly elected and appointed

officers present, and the members of the standing committees, be paid a mileage of two cents, one way, by the most direct route, provided that no person draw mileage in more than one capacity.

The other portion has been disposed of by the Jurisprudence Committee, and we withdraw it.

We further recommend that the prayer of the Grand Chapter of Colorado, for remitting the per capita tax of the subordinate Chapters for the year 1892, by the General Grand Chapter, be not granted.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,
MRS. EVA M. HOLLINGER,
A. H. WRIGHT.

Upon motion of Samuel L. C. Rhodes the recommendations of the committee were concurred in.

Motion prevailed that a committee of three be appointed to select the time and place for the next meeting of the General Grand Chapter.

SPECIAL.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following committees:

Signet, Records, etc.—Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, Joseph Hall.

Memorial—Mrs. Jane M. Ricketts, S. H. Schmuck, Mrs. Mary E. McClure.

Place of Meeting—Samuel L. C. Rhodes, Mrs. R. Emily Little, Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds.

Willis D. Engle objected to the appointment of Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews on the Committee on Signet, Records, etc.

In deference to the objection, Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews resigned from the committee, and the name of Andrew P. Swanstrom was substituted by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

John G. Holland, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report, and upon motion, the same was concurred in:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that there has been no matters submitted for its consideration at the present session, evidencing peace and harmony in the Order throughout the jurisdiction, which is a cause for gratulation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN G. HOLLAND,
MRS. MARY H. MARTIN,
H. H. HINDS.

CHARTERS.

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following report, which, upon motion, was concurred in:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Charters, after due examination of the work submitted to them concerning the granting of charters, the restoration or the revocation of charters, do find the same to

be correct and worthy of approval by the General Grand Chapter.

Your committee would also recommend that all such Chapters as were reported delinquent at the session of the General Grand Chapter in 1889, and have so continued up to the present time, be stricken from our books, according to the recommendation made in the reports of the Most Worthy Grand Patron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. EDNA L. HEDGES,
JOSEPH HALL,
MRS. MATTIE MURRAY.

Amendments to the Constitution, Nos. 9 and 10, which were postponed pending the Finance Committee's report, was laid upon the table by a vote of 30 yeas and 3 nays.

The Committee on Finance was instructed to prepare the pay-roll of representatives, as entitled under the ruling of the General Grand Chapter.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was read by Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Past Grand Matron, of California, and upon motion was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Whereas, It is the desire of the three Chapters in the State of Nevada to become united with the Grand Chapter of California, and the organization of a sufficient number of Chapters in the State to organize and maintain a Grand Chapter for many years to come being extremely improbable; therefore be it

Resolved, That upon the presentation to the Most Worthy

Grand Matron of an official communication from the Grand Chapter of California, requesting that the government of these Chapters be transferred to it, accompanied by an official request of the same nature from each of said Chapters, she be authorized to transfer to said Grand Chapter of California, the government and control of said three Chapters, until such time as a sufficient number of Chapters to organize a Grand Chapter shall exist in said State of Nevada.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Samuel L. C. Rhodes, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported in favor of the adoption of the above resolution.

Upon motion, the recommendation of the committee was concurred in by a two-thirds vote.

RESOLUTIONS.

Mrs. Maria Jackson presented the following resolutions, which were adopted in the Grand Chapter of Iowa, and she was instructed to present them to the General Grand Chapter:

Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter increase the number of black balls necessary to reject a candidate for the degrees or membership, from one to three.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron declared that this resolution was not properly presented, that it must come in the form of an amendment to the Ritual.

"Inasmuch as Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., is the first woman who ever filled that important office, therefore be it

Resolved, That this Grand Chapter extends congratulations

to Sister Pitkin for the very able manner in which she has conducted the office during the past three years, and that our delegates to the General Grand Chapter present her with an engrossed copy, and be instructed to vote for her re-election."

Upon motion of William A. Lawrence, a committee was created, to consist of three sisters, to prepare and report a design of a Signet for the use of the General Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin moved that Mrs. Nettie Ransford, present Most Worthy Grand Matron, be a member of that committee.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron named Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews and Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin as the other members of the committee.

Upon motion, the General Grand Chapter was called off to re-assemble in the evening at 7:30 in the Neil House parlors.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

FRIDAY, September 16th, 1892.

The General Grand Chapter was called to order in the parlors of the Neil House at 7:30 P. M., pursuant to adjournment.

Robert T. King reported he had procured Wells Post Hall for an evening session.

Upon motion, the General Grand Chapter adjourned to the hall provided by Robert T. King.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron, presiding.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Joseph W. Hill, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report which, upon motion, was concurred in:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Committee on Unfinished Business have examined the printed proceedings of last meeting and find no unfinished

business further than what we have already called to the attention of this General Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH W. HILL,
MRS. MARIA JACKSON.

PLACE OF MEETING.

Samuel L. C. Rhodes presented the following report:

To the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your committee, to whom was referred the time and place of our next meeting, has considered Boston, Mass.; Milwaukee, Wis.; Omaha, Neb.; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; and Kansas City, Kans.; and from this gallant array of cities offered to select from, do recommend that the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S., hold their next meeting in Boston, Mass., Thursday, Aug. , 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M. This is the week of the meeting of the Grand Encampment of Knights' Templar.

Fraternally submitted,

SAMUEL L. C. RHODES,
MRS. R. EMILY LITTLE,
MRS. MARY SHERWOOD HINDS.

Upon motion, the recommendation of the committee was adopted and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary was instructed to insert the date of Thursday during the encampment week.

ELECTION.

Motion prevailed that we proceed to the election of officers, the Most Worthy Grand Matron appointing as tellers, H. H. Hinds and Mrs. Carrie O. Getty, which resulted in the choice of the following:

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron.
James R. Donnell, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
H. H. Hinds, R. W. A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

RESOLUTION.

The following preamble and resolution was offered by Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Worthy Grand Matron, of Minnesota:

Whereas, Mrs. Flora E. Moore, a Past Worthy Grand Matron of what is known as Grand Chapter, No. 1, is the only Past Grand Officer of either Grand Chapter No. 1, or Grand Chapter No. 2, in the jurisdiction of Minnesota, who, by action heretofore taken, is not entitled to the honors of such position in this Grand Body; therefore,

Resolved, That Mrs. Flora E. Moore be, and she hereby is declared, a Past Worthy Grand Matron, entitled to a seat and vote in this General Grand Chapter.

N. A. Gearhart, Worthy Grand Patron, of Minnesota, moved the adoption of such resolution, and urged that in the interests of harmony and good fellowship, the same be unanimously concurred in.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron declined to allow the resolution to be entertained, declaring the same to be out of order.

Joseph W. Hill called the attention of the General Grand Chapter to the matter laid over from last session of electing the Grand Conductress and the Associate Grand Conductress.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron ruled the matter out of order.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron elect announced the following appointments:

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, W. Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Mary H. Martin, W. G. Associate Conductress.
Mrs. B. J. McClintock, W. Grand Adah.
Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, W. Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, W. Grand Esther.
Mrs. Mary E. McClure, W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Louisa E. Jacoby, W. Grand Electa.
Mrs. Mattie Murray, W. Grand Warden.
W. J. Mount, W. Grand Sentinel.
Joseph Hall, W. Grand Marshal.

Motion that the General Grand Chapter call off until 9 o'clock to-morrow morning was amended to make it 8 o'clock.

In Triennial Session.

THIRD DAY—MORNING.

SATURDAY, September 17th, 1892.

The General Grand Chapter reassembled at 8.30 o'clock Saturday morning, and after singing and prayer, was declared duly open for the transaction of business, by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding.

W. H. Smythe requested a roll-call, when it was found there was *not* a quorum.

Business was postponed until later when a quorum was declared present.

FINANCE.

A. H. Wright from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report:

The Finance Committee to whom was referred the mileage and pay of officers and Standing Committees, beg leave to submit the following as their report, and recommend that the same be paid by this General Grand Chapter, viz.:

OFFICERS.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, M. W. Grand Matron	$3 70
Benjamin Lynds, M. W. Grand Patron	9 30
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, R. W. A. Grand Matron	9 30
James R. Donnell, R. W. A. Grand Patron	15 70
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary	6 20
Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer	10 40
Mrs. R. Emily Little, W. G. Asso. Conductress	18 00
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, W. Grand Adah	50 00
Mrs. Lizzie Hadley, W. Grand Martha	34 00
Edwin Davis, W. Grand Marshal	16 50
Mrs. Sarah W. Burns, W. Grand Sentinel	3 60

COMMITTEES.

Mrs. B. J. McClintock	$3 50
Mrs. Mary E. Mount	16 00
A. H. Wright	6 20
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger	5 30
Joseph W. Hill	18 00
Mrs. Mary H. Martin	8 00
Mrs. Maria Jackson	16 20
Samuel L. C. Rhodes	16 50
Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds	5 80
Joseph Hall	2 80
Mrs. Mattie Murray	34 00
Mrs. Ida M. Beloate	13 10
J. G. Holland	14 50
	$336 60

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN.
MRS. EVA M. HOLLINGER.
A. H. WRIGHT.

Upon motion of H. H. Hinds it was ordered that the *pro tem* officers be paid the same mileage as the regular representatives.

Upon motion of N. A. Gearhart it was ordered that Mrs. Carrie O. Getty, Grand Organist, be paid mileage.

William H. Smythe moved that Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, who so faithfully assisted the R. W. Grand Secretary during the sessions, be allowed mileage.

Mrs. Simpson stated that her services were entirely voluntary, but the motion prevailed and mileage was allowed.

FINANCE.

The General Grand Chapter ordered the Finance Committee to report on the officers, *pro tem*, also Standing Committees filling vacancies.

We respectfully submit the following upon such order:

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, W. Grand Ruth	$33 50
Mrs. Ida J. Martin, W. Grand Conductress	5 30
Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, W. Grand Electa	16 50
Mrs. Victoria C. Little, Committee	16 20
Wm. A. Lawrence, Committee	11 20
Mrs. Carrie O. Getty, Organist	20 00
Mrs. Sue M. Simpson, Assistant to R. W. Grand Secretary	6 00
	$108 70
Amount from former report	336 60
	$415 30

Respectfully submitted

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN,
A. H. WRIGHT,
MRS. EVA M. HOLLINGER.

SPECIAL.

Andrew P. Swanstrom, from the Special Committee on Signet, Books of Record, etc., submitted the following report which, upon motion, was declared adopted:

Your committee, having had under consideration those portions of the reports of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary referring to Signet, Ode Books, etc., would beg leave to report:

This General Grand Chapter having already provided for a special committee "to prepare and report a design of a Signet for the use of the General Grand Chapter," your committee feels that that portion of the subject matter referred to them is already disposed of. We feel, however, that in disposing of this matter Bro. Willis D. Engle had the legal right to claim the Signet as his individual property, he having had the same copyrighted.

As Bro. Engle has signified his intention to return the Record Book to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary if the same can be found, we would recommend that he be given until Jan. 1st, 1893, to place the same in the hands of said Secretary.

There being no copyright on the Ode Books, we do not believe that Bro. Engle can be held liable for any infringement upon the rights of this General Grand Chapter.

Respectfully submitted,

ANDREW P. SWANSTROM,
MRS. MARY E. WAKEFIELD,
JOSEPH HALL.

THANKS.

Upon motion of A. H. Wright, Grand Patron of Illinois, a vote of thanks was tendered the retiring officers of the General Grand Chapter.

Upon motion of Joseph W. Hill, Past Grand Patron of Massachusetts, a vote of thanks was tendered the members of the jurisdiction of Ohio, and Columbus especially, for courtesies extended during the session of the General Grand Chapter.

A special vote of thanks was tendered to Robert T. King for valuable services rendered during the session of the General Grand Chapter.

H. H. Hinds, of Michigan, thanked the General Grand Chapter in the name of Michigan for his election to the office of Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, and requested to be installed at once, as it was necessary to leave the meeting for home.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron installed H. H. Hinds, R. W. A. Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, Andrew P. Swanstrom acting as W. Grand Marshal.

MEMORIAL.

Mrs. Jane M. Ricketts, from the Committee on Memorial, made the following report, which upon motion was adopted:

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

We, your Committee on Memorial respectfully submit the following:

Whereas, It has pleased the Father of all good and perfect gifts, to enter our General Grand Chapter circle and remove by death, from our midst, our distinguished, honored and beloved Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Rollin C. Gaskill, also our highly esteemed kind and beloved Past Grand Patron of Indiana, Albert H. Kaiser; now be it

Resolved, That we, the members of the General Grand

Chapter, in this our seventh triennial session, deeply deplore and mourn the loss the Order has sustained by the death of these brothers, and while the golden chain is sundered, the remembrance of the links that have fallen away in death will remain among our brightest memories. May this bereavement be sanctified to the good of us all, and when our earthly mission is over, and we are beyond the "smiling and the weeping of earth," may we gather with these loved ones gone before.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JANE M. RICKETTS.
S. H. SCHMUCK.
MRS. MARY E. MCCLURE.

Willis D. Engle submitted the following statement to the members of the General Grand Chapter:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers:

I thank you for the courtesy that you have extended to me, and shall, as briefly as possible, present the facts I desire to bring before you as they appear to me. You are well aware that there are two sides to almost every question, and that concerning such there is room for honest difference of opinion. In the present instance I could not consent voluntarily to rest under the imputation put upon me by the views presented by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Grand Secretary for even one day. In order that you who were not members of the Order in the early days of the General Grand Chapter may understand the reasons that controlled my actions, I must recur to those early days. You have only known the Order in these halcyon days of its prosperity, when it is legally established in almost every state and territory of our glorious country and numbers its sixty thousand members; when it has such an impetus that it *must* move forward, can hardly realize its condition about 1876, when it numbered but twelve Grand Chapters and less than twelve thousand members, and was subject in the matter of ritual and to the organization of Chapters beyond

those twelve jurisdictions entirely to the caprice and for the profit of Robert Macoy and his agents, whose pockets were the receptacles of charter fees and profits on rituals. You cannot realize it any more than we who live in these days of our country's prosperity can realize the sufferings and hardships of our revolutionary fathers.

It was my privilege to be the originator and promoter of the movement for the organization of the General Grand Chapter, and to have been its Right Worthy Grand Secretary for the first thirteen years of its existence, and with others, to have labored unceasingly and unselfishly for its prosperity. It was and is very dear to my heart, and a Grand Matron who knew my devotion to it, and who desired to strike me a harmful blow, assailed it rather than myself, saying it was dearer to Willis D. Engle than the apple of his eye. I can give you but a faint idea of the fierce assaults that the most earnest promoters of its organization were obliged to suffer, traducing of character both as to ability and honesty from its opponents. I could bring you postal cards, circulars and letters to and concerning them that would bring a blush of indignant shame to your cheeks. The principal argument brought against the movement was the financial burden it would surely be to the Order, and loving it as I did, and being wrapped up in its success and prosperity, I determined that if anything I could do would prevent it that prophecy should not be realized. As you will see by the original Constitution, the duties prescribed for the Right Worthy Grand Secretary were quite limited, not involving the purchase and sale of any articles by him, and the only publications or printing ordered or authorized to be executed were the ritual and the proceedings. That its revenue might be increased and the Grand Chapters spared any per capita tax, without the direction or authority of the General Grand Chapter or its officers, on my own motion, I caused certain Blanks, Ode Cards, Ode Books and other supplies to be printed and made, and sold the same for its benefit, the money turned in to the treasury from this source aggregating, during my term of office, $753.40. The ritual

was adopted by the General Grand Chapter in May, 1878, and published in the fall of the same year. Neither at that time, or at any other, was any action had by the General Grand Chapter looking to, or authorizing the designing, adopting or publishing a Signet, the Order universally using a small, cheap, colored star, about 10x12 inches in size, published by Robert Macoy, until, on my own motion, and without any suggestions or instructions from the General Grand Chapter or its officers, I designed, and, in the spring of 1879 copyrighted, in my own name, that now generally used. In accord with my previous unselfish treatment of the General Grand Chapter, during the following ten years, I printed the same and sold it entirely for the benefit of its treasury, the profits amounting to $796.87, making the sum total I turned into the treasury for supplies thus sold on my own motion, $1,550.27. For my thirteen years' service as Right Worthy Grand Secretary I received, as salary, $2,350, an average of $181 per annum; or, deducting the amount thus voluntarily paid the General Grand Chapter, $799.73, an average of $61.50 per annum. If I had sold these blanks, etc., individually, and put the $1,550.27 into my own pocket, I would have done no more than I had a perfect right to do, and I do not think that to-day any one would have questioned my right to do so, or impugned my motives or honesty. It is no unusual thing for Grand Secretaries to deal in Masonic supplies. John R. Parson, when Grand Secretary of Missouri, purchased the Signets from the General Grand Chapter at a trade discount and supplied the same and petitions, blanks, etc., to Chapters for his own profit, he being a dealer in Masonic supplies. John D. Caldwell, for many years the efficient Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was the proprietor of a large Masonic supply house. I do not think that the right of these brethren to act in both capacities has ever been questioned.

When, three years ago, the General Grand Chapter, for the first time, had a handsome balance in its treasury and was able to pay a fair, not a large salary (for the work of the office was and is worth more than $500 per annum), and I was super-

seded in that office, I did not consider that I was morally, or in any other way, bound to continue to sacrifice my own pecuniary interest for its benefit, and therefore claimed my right, both moral and legal, to receive a portion of the profits arising from the future sale of the Signet. In the last three years my profits from the sale of the Signet have amounted to $175, while that of the General Grand Chapter has been, as reported by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, $370.15. The fact that the first edition of the Signet bore the inscription, "Published by the General Grand Chapter," does not invalidate my claim in the least, as it also bore that of "Entered according to the Act of Congress, with the Librarian of Congress at Washington, in 1879, by Willis D. Engle." If I copyright a book and it is published by Harper & Bro. it would bear on its title page, "Published by Harper & Bro.," and on the reverse of the title, "Copyrighted 1892, by Willis D. Engle."

In regard to the Ode Book, it was among those things arranged by me, the only original matter in it other than that of arrangement, being the three odes written by my wife. The Most Worthy Grand Matron is mistaken, but I would not be understood as saying intentionally, in stating that it had not been the custom to sell through dealers, as when I was Right Worthy Grand Secretary, I sold to Parson & Co. and M. C. Lilley & Co., allowing them the trade discount. As you all know, I am a dealer in Eastern Star supplies, and having a demand for Ode Books, I asked the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to extend to me the usual discount, but she declined to do so. I was then forced either to decline orders or supply them at a loss of cost of cartage and twenty per cent. discount for cash, or publish an edition for myself. I filled several orders at a material loss, and then adopted the latter course. I cannot understand on what ground my action can be criticized.

In regard to the account book of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, previous to 1880. It was a day of small things, and the accounts were all kept in a book about 5x8 inches and less than one inch thick, and until informed to the contrary, by the

Right Worthy Grand Secretary, had supposed that it had been turned over to her with the other books and papers. The book had not been in use for nine years, and in some way it must have been misplaced or lost. I instituted a search for it, but it was not a successful one, and I so informed Sister Pitkin, and have heard nothing concerning it since. If I had supposed that its loss was a matter of moment, I should have been more thorough in my search and probably might have found it among the numerous boxes containing old books, pamphlets and papers in my barn. I assure you I will immediately on my return home institute such a search and, if successful, send it to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. It is not true that a request for said book had been made of me by the committee appointed by the General Grand Chapter. In this I will be borne out by Wm. H. Smythe of that committee.

If these matters of complaint had been brought to my attention I would gladly have informed the sisters of the facts as they appeared to me, and they could then have been in position to render a more enlightened judgment.

In conclusion, I wish to say, that in all I have done I have been actuated only by the best motives, and if I have made mistakes I shall not try to escape my responsibility therefor, but I desire to be acquitted of any legal or moral wrong.

I thank you for your kindness and thoughtful attention.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, stated that she had made two requests of Mr. Engle for the books of record, of which she held a copy, and the letters were never returned to her, and no word of response was ever received by her. She also stated that she never made a demand through the committee, her report showing that the committee was *notified* that no records of account were received by her at their hands prior to August, 1880.

The minutes of the proceedings of the previous

days' sessions, up to the present time, were read, and upon motion approved as read.

RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge offered the following, which upon motion was adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter be tendered to our M. W. Grand Matron, Sister Nettie Ransford, for the very able and impartial manner in which she has presided over the session of this Grand Body, and we shall ever remember with pleasure the record she has made and pray that in all her walks in life prosperity may attend her labors.

William H. Smythe moved that we proceed to the installation of officers at once, which was declared carried.

INSTALLATION.

The following officers were installed by Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Most Worthy Grand Matron, as installing officer, A. P. Swanstrom acting as Grand Marshal:

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron.
James R. Donnell, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, W. Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Mary H. Martin, W. G. Associate Conductress.
Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, W. Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, W. Grand Esther.
Mrs. Mary E. McClure, W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Louisa E. Jacoby, W. Grand Electa.
Mrs. Mattie Murray, W. Grand Warder.
Joseph Hall, W. Grand Marshal.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, thanked the General Grand Chapter in the name of Kansas for the honor they had conferred upon her.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, commending the work and labor of the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron, presented Mrs. Nettie Ransford with a beautiful card receiver of silver and gold, in the name of her associates in office.

Sister Ransford responded in a very touching and beautiful manner.

Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews then presented Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin with a handsome card receiver in silver and gold, in the name of her associates in office, which was responded to in words, few but well-chosen.

SIGNET COMMITTEE.

Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, from the special committee on Signet, stated that the committee was prepared to report a design for the consideration of the General Grand Chapter.

Wm. H. Smythe rose to a point of order, stating that no business could be transacted after the installation of officers, and moved to close the General Grand Chapter, which was lost.

Motion made to reconsider, which was declared out of order.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, ruled the report of the committee out of order as the officers of the General Grand Chapter

had been installed, and no business of that nature could be entertained.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.

No other business appearing, the General Grand Chapter closed its Seventh Triennial Session, to hold its next meeting in the City of Boston, Mass., Thursday, August , 1895, at 10 o'clock A. M.

MARY C. SNEDDEN,
M. W. Grand Matron.

JAMES R. DONNELL,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest: Lorraine J. Pilkin.
R. W. Grand Secretary.

CHAPTERS

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter, No. 1, Burleson.

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter, No. 1, Prescot.

FLORIDA.

Electa Chapter, No. 1, Green Cove Springs.

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter, No. 1, Lithonia.
Queen Esther Chapter, No. 2, Trion.

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter, No. 2, Salmon City.
Ruth Chapter, No. 3, Pocatello.
Naomi Chapter, No. 4, Albion.
Golden Rule Chapter, No. 5, Rocky Bar.
Mizpah Chapter, No. 6, Idaho City.
Gem of Mountains Chapter, No. 7, Lewiston.

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter, No. 2, DeKoven.

LOUISIANA.

Rebecca Chapter, No. 2, Welch.
Robertsville Chapter, No. 3, Robertsville.
Mt. Carmel Chapter, No. 4, Mt. Carmel.

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Baltimore.

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter, No. 2, Austin.
Esther Chapter, No. 3, Carson City.
Adah Chapter, No. 4, Reno.

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter, No. 1, Raton.
Ransford Chapter, No. 2, Las Vegas.

N. CAROLINA.

Centre Grove Chapter, No. 1, Centre Grove.

N. DAKOTA.

Lady Washington Chapter, No. 1, Jamestown.
Logan Chapter, No. 2, Oakes.
Wahpeton Chapter, No. 3, Wahpeton.
Woodbine Chapter, No. 4, Valley City.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Wyoming Chapter, No. 1, Pittston.
Keystone Chapter, No. 2, Duke Centre.
Martha Washington Chapter, No. 3, Scranton.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence Chapter, No. 1, Providence.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter, No. 1, Salt Lake City.

W. VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter, No. 1, Wheeling.

WYOMING.

Alpha Chapter, No. 1, Laramie.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Ruth Chapter, No. 1.

Active Chapters in States and Territories, 34; Membership, 1644.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, St. Louis, Missouri, Most Worthy Grand Matron.

James R. Donnell, Conway, Arkansas, Most Worthy Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Oakland, California, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

H. H. Hinds, Stanton, Michigan, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, 1471 Fulton Street, Chicago, Illinois, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Anamosa, Iowa, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Ida M. Beloate, Corning, Grand Matron.
Rev. E. S. Massey, Atkins, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Hettie Penn, Harrison, Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Georgia A. Matfield, San Diego, Grand Matron.
Jacob F. Boller, Tulare, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Kate J. Willatts, San Francisco, Grand Secretary.

COLORADO.

Mrs. Carrie Reef, Leadville, Grand Matron.
H. D. Hathaway, Pueblo, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, Colorado Springs, Grand Secretary.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Jane M. Ricketts, Windsor, Grand Matron.
W. H. Bartels, Carthage, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Sophia C. Scott, Mattoon, Grand Secretary.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Terre Haute, Grand Matron.
E. N. Wilkinson, Knightstown, Grand Patron.
Wm. H. Smythe, Indianapolis, Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs, Grand Matron.
H. S. Winslow, Newton, Grand Patron.
Eugene B. Dyke, Charles City, Grand Secretary.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Clara A. McBride, Atoka, Grand Matron.
Z. T. Walrond, Muskogee, Grand Patron.
Edmund H. Doyle, McAlester, Grand Secretary.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Carrie O. Getty, Ellsworth, Grand Matron.
D. C. Battey, Florence, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Myra Mottram, Ottawa, Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. Louise J. Provin, Westfield, Grand Matron.
John P. Loring, Charlestown, Grand Patron.
Daniel Seagrave, Worcester, Grand Secretary.

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Ida J. Martin, Ithaca, Grand Matron.
Charles A. Cornell, Lansing, Grand Patron.
Traverse Phillips, Hastings, Grand Secretary.

MAINE.

Miss Ella M. Day, Rockland, Grand Matron.
Albert H. Burroughs, Westbrook, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Minneapolis, Grand Matron.
Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Duluth, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Ida M. Wing, Minneapolis, Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Sarah E. McCully, St. Louis, Grand Matron.
Reuben Barney, St. Louis, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

Mrs. Sue G. Anderson, Missoula, Grand Matron.
Cornelius Hedges, Helena, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Emma Fretz, Helena, Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Addie M. Billings, Geneva, Grand Matron.
Geo. W. Kern, Kearney, Grand Patron.
Rev. H. A. Guild, Lincoln, Grand Secretary.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Mrs. Mary J. Horne, Derry Depot, Grand Matron.
James J. Conner, Goffstown, Grand Patron.
J. Sullivan Chase, Colebrook, Grand Secretary.

OHIO.

Mrs. S. E. Gaskell, Ashtabula, Grand Matron.
W. H. Osborne, Chardon, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, Marysville, Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Mrs. Rose J. Wilson, Corvallis, Grand Matron.
Rev. W. Knowls, La Grande, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Josephine D. Crocker, Ashland, Grand Secretary.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Lurancy Norton, Webster, Grand Matron.
Dr. Geo. A. Pettigrew, Flandreau, Grand Patron.
Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison, Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Laura Hart, Big Springs, Grand Matron.
J. S. Miller, Wortham, Grand Patron.
J. D. Slawson, Killeen, Grand Secretary.

WASHINGTON.

Mrs. A. L. Palmer, Seattle, Grand Matron.
Dr. E. H. VanPatten, Dayton, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Libbie Demorest, Tacoma, Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Mary H. Martin, Milwaukee, Grand Matron.
Albert A. Hinman, Oshkosh, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Helen M. Laflin, Milwaukee, Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

INDEPENDENT.

CONNECTICUT.

Miss Julia A. Grannis, Waterbury, Grand Matron.
Jay C. Holden, Seymour, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Frances R. Martin, New Haven, Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Mrs. Catherine Beyea, Paterson, Grand Matron.
John W. Reid, New Brunswick, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Martin, Paterson, Grand Secretary.

NEW YORK.

Mrs. Hannah L. Quinn, New York, Grand Matron.
Frederick Wurtz, Rochester, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Christiana Buttrick, New York, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Mrs. Janet P. Blackmer, Manchester Depot, Grand Matron.
J. T. Gleason, Lyndonville, Grand Patron.
H. L. Stillson, Bennington, Grand Secretary.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

WHO ARE CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Arkansas	October 2, 1876	November	186	3,468
California	May 8, 1873	October	92	6,208
Colorado	June 6, 1892	June	11	775
Illinois	November 6, 1875	October	200	10,000
Indiana	May 6, 1874	April	87	5,163
Indian Territory	July 11, 1889	July	15	556
Iowa	July 30, 1878	September	78	3,760
Kansas	October 18, 1878	March	117	4,899
Maine	August 24, 1892	August	11	713
Massachusetts	December 11, 1876	May	26	3,005
Michigan	October 31, 1867	October	68	3,974
Minnesota	May 12, 1886	May	22	1,231
Missouri	October 13, 1875	October	71	2,589
Montana	September 25, 1890	October	9	461
Nebraska	June 22, 1875	June	42	1,145
New Hampshire	May 12, 1891	September	7	337
Ohio	July 28, 1889	October	12	675
Oregon	October 3, 1889	June	10	451
South Dakota	July 10, 1889	May	17	783
Texas	May 5, 1884	October	34	1,778
Washington	June 12, 1889	June	23	1,228
Wisconsin	February 19, 1891	February	29	1,531
		Total,	1,167	54,719

General Grand Chapter, Organized November 16, 1876; Active Chapters, 34; Total Membership, 1,644.

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INDEPENDENT.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Connecticut	August 11, 1874	October	28	2,000
New Jersey	July 18, 1870	September	12	568
New York	November 3, 1870	June	54	3,370
Vermont	June 3, 1874	June	21	1,555
		Total,	115	7,493

Nine Chapters with 325 members in the State of Minnesota, not estimated in the above figures.

In Memoriam.

ROLLIN C. GASKILL,

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON

OF THE

General Grand Chapter,

1883-1886.

Born, Clarendon, Vermont, July 26, 1833.
Died, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, November 2, 1889.
Interred, Oakland, California, November 26, 1889.

"What comfort, when, with clouds of woe,
The heart is burdened and must weep,
To feel that pain must end — to know,
'He giveth His beloved sleep.'"

In Memoriam.

ALBERT H. KAISER,

Past Grand Patron of the Grand Chapter

Order Eastern Star,

OF INDIANA.

Born, Saxony, Germany, April 6, 1839.
Died, Brookville, Indiana, July 14, 1892.

"He giveth His beloved Sleep!"
Life's fitful dream is past:
The soul has found safe anchorage
Within the veil at last."

REV. JOHN D. VINCIL, D. D.,

ST. LOUIS, MO.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON, 1876-78.

UNIV. OF MICH.

MRS. ELIZABETH B.

CHICAGO, ILL.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, [illegible]

MRS. ELIZABETH BUTLER,

CHICAGO, ILL.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, 1876-78.

UNIV. OF MICH.

MRS. [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

MRS. ELMIRA FOLEY,

HANNIBAL, MO.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON, 1878-80.

UNIV. OF MICH.

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

WILLIS BROWN,

SENACA, KANS.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON, 1880-83.

UNIV. OF MICH.

MRS. [illegible]

[illegible]

MO[illegible] [illegible] GRAND MATH[illegible]

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN,

CHICAGO, ILL.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON 1880-83.

UNIV. OF MICH.

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS,

ROCHESTER, N.Y.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON [illegible]

MRS. JENNIE E. MATHEWS,

ROCKFORD, IOWA.

MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON. 1883-86.

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CONSTITUTION

OF THE

General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

AS AMENDED SEPTEMBER, 1892.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be:

Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warden.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, or their legally appointed proxies, of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, and one delegate or a legally appointed proxy from each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter, owning allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction, or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office, and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. A proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing, in some legally constituted Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers he or she represents and must be a member of such Grand Chapter, or a member of the Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in a state or territory where no Grand Chapter exists, he or she represents.

SEC. 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, and delegates from Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in states or territories where less than five Chapters exist.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it is reserved to the Grand Chapters, subordinate Chapters, and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all states and other territories where no Grand Chapter exists, and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause may revoke and annul the same until such Grand Chapter shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters

already organized in the territory of such Grand Chapter until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

SEC. 4. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 5. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work and Signet and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 6. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter, must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-third vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

OF STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year, at such time and place as the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall determine, due notice of the same being given to the Order, but may meet oftener if it so orders, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meeting.

OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days' notice thereof.

OF A QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

SEC. 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are Sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and all who are Brothers, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the offices of Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, or Most Worthy Grand Patron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

OF VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron present, shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Matron, the Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Matron, and the Associate Grand Patron, or their proxies, one vote each. And each subordinate Chapter under the immediate Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in States and Territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a sister and a brother, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the brethren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each charter, to form a new chapter where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual and one Signet.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall levy such contributions upon the several Grand Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction as in its judgment shall require, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed two cents per annum for each paying member.

SEC. 3. Every subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall pay annually to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it, on the 31st day of December of each year, except Chapters chartered during recess, which shall pay dues for that year in proportion to time organized, and Grand Chapters organized must pay dues in proportion to date of organization, and no chapter or Grand Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the General Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at her pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem.*

SEC. 3. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to grant charters, to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 5. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organization of new Chapters and recognition of Grand Chapters, which shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be in force and binding until the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter; and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron, or Most Worthy Grand Patron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy

Associate Grand Matron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETATY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary:

First—To record all the transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his or her attestation to all instruments emanating from that body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof, in proper books, and pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report; also, of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

Eighth—To act as the financial agent in the purchase and sale of the Ritual, Signets, Blanks, and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives its revenue.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2. To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter, and at the end of the term of his or her office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Very Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct

such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any State, country, district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. When there be a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call shall be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, signed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction; nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March

of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first next preceding. These reports shall include the names and postoffice address of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled, and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinates under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is no Grand Chapter, upon proper application: *provided*, no new Chapter shall be formed in any town where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

SEC. 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1, of this Article, shall make annual returns to the General Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number of remaining members.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter, ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the following Standing Committees, of three members each, the first named to be chairman, and such committees shall continue until the close of the succeeding session thereof; within ten days after making such appointment the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees.

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finance, Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit:

CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Subordinate, and Grand Chapter represented.

FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, to examine the books and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take in consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measures which, in their opinion, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pending and undetermined.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Grand Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and their By-Laws when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Chapters organized since the previous stated meeting, and the proceedings of the General Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there are a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the General Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.* and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

II. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

III. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Filling of Vacancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the Constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. All questions shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or roll-call. When voting by hand vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide, except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to each member by the constitution.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off, and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action. and in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding

officer, may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-thirds vote.

DECISIONS

APPROVED BY THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, BUT NOT INCORPORATED IN THE CONSTITUTION.

FROM 1876 TO 1892 INCLUSIVE.

It is lawful for the Worthy Matron, at the Worthy Patron's request, to do such portions of the work of conferring the degrees as will secure the best results.—*M. W. Grand Patron Thomas M. Lamb*, 1880.

A Mason, who is not a member of this Order, can not be admitted to witness the secret work upon taking an obligation of secrecy. If such person has been so admitted in some state, and desires to join the Order, he can only do so by petitioning and receiving the degrees in due and regular form.—*M. W. Grand Patron Thomas M. Lamb*, 1880.

The half-sister of a Master Mason in good standing is eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Willis Brown*, 1883.

It is not proper and in accordance with law, to admit Master Masons to our Chapter meetings, who are not members of our Order, and it should not be permitted.—*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill*, 1886.

The standing of a sister is not affected by the expulsion of her husband from the Masonic Order. Nothing but her own misconduct affects her standing.—*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill*, 1886.

A person who has lost an arm can not be received into our Order.—*M. W. Grand Patron Rollin C. Gaskill*, 1886.

The question of a Chapter recommending the petition of members of the Order for a charter to organize a Chapter in the same town or city, is not properly subject to a ballot vote.—*M. W. Grand Patron Willis Brown*, 1883.

The jewels of a Grand Chapter shall be the emblems within a star or a triangle, within a pentagon.—*Page* 56, *Proceedings*, 1886.

The jewels of the General Grand Chapter shall be the Grand Chapter jewels within a circle.

All deputies appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron must be brothers.—*Page* 56, *Proceedings*, 1886.

Each deputy appointed, to whom is given general powers, shall have a special juridiction assigned him.—*Page* 50, *Proceedings*, 1886.

The "Floral Work" or "Floral Addenda" is not prohibited if the candidate is fully instructed.—*Page* 78, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Deputies appointed to install officers of the General Grand Chapter must be members of said General Grand Chapter.—*Page* 72, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Persons not signing the petition for a charter cannot be received as charter members, at the organization of the Chapter. —*Page* 72, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Festal day of the Order, Robert Morris's birthday, Aug. 31st.—*Page* 22, *Proceedings*, 1880.

Mothers, sisters and daughters of deceased Master Masons, who were affiliated and in good standing in a lodge at the time of their death, are eligible to the degrees of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Jefferson S. Conover*, *Page* 26, *Proceedings*, 1889.

A legally adopted daughter of a Master Mason can be received into the Order of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Jefferson S. Conover*, *Page* 25, *Proceedings*, 1889.

Sisters and daughters of Master Masons must be eighteen years of age to be eligible to membership in the Order of the Eastern Star.—*M. W. Grand Patron Jefferson S. Conover*, *Page* 25, *Proceedings*, 1889.

All members of the Order of the Eastern Star who are clear of the books and have no charges against them and are not an installed officer, can demit upon written application.—*Page* 73, *Proceedings*, 1889.

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MRS. ANNETTE M. GORMAN, P. G. M., Pittston, Pennsylvania, Worthy Grand Esther.

MRS. ANGELINE WHITMARSH, P. G. M., Omaka, Nebraska, Worthy Grand Martha.

MRS. LINDA J. LOWRY, P. G. M., Ada, Ohio, Worthy Grand Electa

MRS. MARTHA D. ROSS, P. G. M., Columbus, Wisconsin, Worthy Grand Warder.

R. H. BURNHAM, P. G. P., Rockland, Maine, Worthy Grand Sentinel..

MRS. HELEN B. FARNSWORTH, P. G. M., Topeka, Kansas, Worthy Grand Marshal.

MRS. NETTIE C. KENNER, P. G. M, Tuscola, Illinois, Worthy Grand Organist.

Proceedings.

The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star assembled in the Eighth Triennial Session in Union Hall, in the City of Boston, Massachusetts, Thursday August 29th., 1895, at 10:30 A. M., and was called to order by Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron, presiding.

Grand Officers present:

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN, M. W. Grand Matron.

JAMES R. DONNELL, M. W. Grand Patron.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE, R. W. A. Grand Matron.

H. H. HINDS, R. W. A. Grand Patron.

MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN, R. W. Grand Secretary.

MRS. HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK, R. W. Gr. Treasurer.

MRS. EDNA L. HEDGES, V. W. Grand Chaplain.

MRS. R. EMILY LITTLE, Worthy Grand Conductress.

MRS. B. J. MCCLINTOCK, Worthy Grand Adah.

MRS. MARY E. WAKEFIELD, Worthy Grand Ruth.

MRS. EVA M. HOLLINGER, Worthy Grand Esther.

MRS. MARY E. MCCLURE, Worthy Grand Martha.

WILLIAM HALL, Worthy Grand Marshal.

Appointments were made to fill vacancies as follows:

MRS. MARTHA D. ROSS, W. G. Associate Conductress.

MRS. FLORA E. MOORE, Worthy Grand Electa.

MRS. OLIVE E. MCGREW, Worthy Grand Warder.

EDWIN DAVIS, Worthy Grand Sentinel.

MRS. S. ADDIE STONE, Worthy Grand Organist.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary reported that Twenty-one Grand Chapters, and nine Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter were represented. The Most Worthy Grand Matron proceeded to open the General Grand Chapter in ample form. Prayer by the Very Worthy Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Mrs. S. Addie Stone acting as Worthy Grand Organist.

By instruction of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal made the proclamation, that the General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star was duly opened for the transaction of business.

By request of William H. Bartells, Past Grand Patron of Illinois, the R. W. Grand Secretary presented the M. W. Grand Matron, with a Gavel made by the brother from seven kinds of wood, which was inlaid with the Cross and Crown in one end, and the emblematic "Star" in the other.

Mrs. Snedden replied with a few but well chosen words, showing a just appreciation of the compliment from Illinois.

WELCOME.

Address of welcome was given by Mrs. Carrie S. Fairbairn, Grand Matron of Massachusetts, as follows:

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Patron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States.

In behalf of Massachusetts, as Grand Matron, it is my privilege and honor to extend to you all a fraternal greeting.

As you gaze upon the surrounding sea of faces, many of which are representatives of our Order in Massachusetts, they speak to you of welcome in accents stronger than any words I can utter.

It gives me great pleasure to welcome you to Massachusetts, the home of many eminent men and women, whose names have become, through history, as familiar to you as to us. The home, too, of that little band of Pilgrims whose labors and hardships won for you and me our family firesides and our liberty.

Massashusetts is dear to us all for her history, her traditions and for the strong and sturdy patriotism of her sons.

And to-day as she opens her hospitable arms, to this gathering of our sisters and brothers from far and near, there springs spontaneously from the heart of each one of us this sentiment which I will voice in the words of another:

"Great God we thank thee for our home,
  This bounteous birthland of the free,
Where wanderers from afar may come
  And breathe the air of liberty.
Long may her flowers umtrampled spring
  Her harvests wave, her cities rise;
And yet till time shall fold its wing
  Remain earth's loveliest paradise."

It is meet that at this time and in this presence that I should say a few words in relation to our Order.

The Order of the Eastern Star in Massachusetts has become foremost among the fraternal organizations.

Since we have given our allegiance to the General Grand Body, it has out-grown the weakness of early life and has passed the stage of doubt and criticism.

To-day we are a band of nearly five thousand members, earnest and persistent in our work; pressing ever forward in our noble mission, we ever seek to elevate that humanity of which our Order is so noble a unit.

We believe our Order stands for love of humanity, for faith in God, for devotion to family, and for love of liberty; active as a foe to ignorance and vice.

This is the Order which we love and of which I speak.

May our thoughts and deliberations during this session be of such a nature that when the time comes to close the Eighth Triennial Session, and we separate to go to our several homes, we may feel we have accomplished that for which we came, and that our hearts have been more closely knit in the bonds of love and good fellowship by your visit to our "Old Bay State."

RESPONSE.

The response to the welcome was made by Mary E. Partridge, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers of the Bay State, and of the General Grand Chapter:

Unfortunately for me I could not hear the words of greeting kindly expressed by our dear Sister. Having been a visitor in this state for some time, I have

had an opportunity of witnessing the generous hospitality of the citizens of Massachusetts, and I have always found them ready to welcome the members of the Eastern Star. We needed no further token than the beautiful souvenir presented to us and the bountiful banquet spread for our enjoyment in the Grand old hall, the Cradle of Liberty, where we were permitted to gather, for they fully demonstrate to us the heart-felt greetings which have been extended to us on every hand. Your great kindness is fully appreciated by the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter.

I would feel remiss in duty were I not to express our gratitude to the Committee for the many kindnesses shown us in preparing a resting place for us. And to Brother Blossom and his estimable wife, this General Grand Chapter is especially indebted for their untiring efforts. To them we owe a debt of gratitude which we can never repay. We have had very many kindnesses extended to us, but we know there is still more to follow. We have, and shall enjoy their hospitality to the fullest extent. And Grand Matron, we pray that Heaven's choicest blessings may rest upon yourself and the officers and members of your Grand Chapter, for their arduous efforts put forth in our behalf, and that you may grow in members and influence until Massachusetts becomes the banner Grand Chapter of the United States.

The M. W. Grand Matron invited to the East the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons present who were:

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin.
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews.
Mrs. Mary A. Flint.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford.

The M. W. Grand Matron, announced the appoinment of the following

STANDING COMMITTEES.

Credentials.—Nathaniel A. Gearhart, Mrs. Jane D. Davis, and Mrs. Carrie S. Fairbairn.

Finance, Ways and Means.—John R. Parson, Mrs. Mate L. Chester, and Mrs. Linda J. Lowry.

Jurisprudence.—John C. Postlethwaite, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, and Mrs. Louise A Turck.

Unfinished Business.—Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, S. Penrose Williams and Mrs. Nannie R. Briggs.

Charters.—Mrs. Sarah E. Woods, R. H. Burnham, and Fred W. Lantz.

Grievance and Appeals.—Rev. A. G. Pinkham, F. G. Alexander, and Mrs. Alice H. Haskell.

CREDENTIALS.

N. A. Gearhart, from the Committee on Credentials, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Credentials would respectfully report the following named persons present:

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron.
James R. Donnell, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
H. H. Hinds, R. W. A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. R. Emily Little, W. G. Associate Conductress.
Mrs. B. J. McClintock, W. G. Adah.
Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, W. G. Ruth.
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, W. G. Esther.
Mrs. Mary E. McClure, W. G. Martha.
Joseph Hall, W. G. Marshal.

PAST MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRONS.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin,
Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews,
Mrs. Mary A. Flint,
Mrs. Nettie, Ransford.

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Edith Horsfall, proxy for Grand Matron.
J. F. Hopkins, Grand Patron.
James R. Donnell, P. Grand Patron.

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary A. Flint, P. Grand Matron.

Thomas Flint, M. D., P. Grand Patron and proxy for the Grand Patron.

COLORADO.

Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, A. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron and A. Grand Patron.

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, P. Grand Matron.
William H. Bartells, P. Grand Patron.

INDIANA.

Mrs. Olive E. McGrew, Grand Matron.
A. W. Hemplaman, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Jennie T. Nye, A. Grand Matron.
P. E. Hoss, A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Nettie Ransford, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. Spitler, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, P. Grand Matron.
Willis D. Engle, P. Grand Patron.
Henry G. Thayer, P. Grand Patron.

Martin H. Rice, P. Grand Patron.
Edwin D. Palmer, P. Grand Patron.
Oliver B. Sargent, P. Grand Patron.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Mrs. Mary E. McClure, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron.
Edmond H. Doyle, A. Grand Patron.

IOWA.

Mrs. Sarah E. Woods, Grand Matron and proxy for A. Grand Matron.
Eugene B. Dyke, Grand Patron.
Andrew McMillen, proxy for A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Harriette A Ercanbrack, P. Grand Matron.
T. R. Ercanbrack, P. Grand Patron.

KANSAS.

Mrs. Helen B. Farnsworth, Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Emma W. Port, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Elizabeth Magee, P. Grand Matron.
J. C. Postlethwaite, P. Grand Patron.
David C. Batty, P. Grand Patron.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Mrs. Carrie S. Fairbairn, Grand Matron.
Warren M. King, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Effie M. Carson, A. Grand Matron.
Amos M. Parker, A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. S. M. Farrar, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary E. Gleason, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Annie B. Huntress, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, P. Grand Matron.
Alanzo Eaton, P. Grand Patron.

Daniel Seagrave, P. Grand Patron.
D. H. S. Gleason, P. Grand Patron.
William A. Farnsworth, P. Grand Patron.
Charles C. Dike, P. Grand Patron.
Joseph W. Hill, P. Grand Patron.
Nathaniel W. Farrar, P. Grand Patron.
Robert C. Huntress, P. Grand Patron.
John P. Loring, P. Grand Patron.
Wm. Alden Blossom, P. Grand Patron.
G. C. Fiske, P. Grand Patron.

MICHIGAN.

Mrs. Louisa A. Turck, Grand Matron
Allen S. Wright, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds, proxy for A. Grand Matron.
William S. Turck, proxy for A. Grand Patron.
H. H. Hinds, P. Grand Patron.

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Louise L. Johnson, Grand Matron.
Mrs. Clara Baldwin, proxy for Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary McGindley, A. Grand Matron.
J. H. Johnson, proxy for A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Flora E. Moore, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, P. Grand Matron.
Nathaniel A. Gearhart, P. Grand Patron.

MISSOURI.

Mrs. Sue M. Tuttle, Grand Matron.
W. H. Wakefield, Grand Patron.
Job Newton, Proxy for A. Grand Matron.
Miss Flora M. Clarkson, proxy for A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Louisa J. Moore, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Annie F. Goodrich, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Cora B. McPherson, P. Grand Matron.

Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, P. Grand Matron.
Mrs. Sue M. Black, P. Grand Matron.
Dr. H. M. Pettit, P. Grand Patron.
John R. Parson, P. Grand Patron.
Dr. Reuben Barney, P. Grand Patron.
C. Hanson, P. Grand Patron.

MONTANA.

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron, Grand Patron, A. Grand Matron and A. Grand Patron.

Cornelius Hedges, P. Grand Patron.

MAINE.

Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart, Grand Matron.
R. H. Burnham, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Clara Smith, A. Grand Matron.
J. L. Brown, A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Annie L. Cobb, P. Grand Matron.
H. O. Howes, P. Grand Patron.

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsh, Grand Matron and proxy for A. Grand Matron.

Rev. A. G. Pinkham, Grand Patron.
Edwin Davis, P. Grand Patron.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Mrs. Jane D. Davis, Grand Matron.
Fred P. Knox, Grand Patron.
Mrs. Mary J. Horne, P. Grand Matron and proxy for A. Grand Matron.
William R. Bartlette, A. Grand Patron.
Dr. Frank Spooner, P. Grand Patron.
George H. Everett, P. Grand Patron.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Rebecca M. Holmes, proxy for Grand Matron.

Mrs. Nannie R. Briggs, proxy for Grand Patron and A. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Sarah Gannon, A. Grand Matron.

OHIO.

Mrs. Linda J. Lowry, Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron and A. Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, proxy for A. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Rebecca J. McClintock, P. Grand Matron.

Mrs. Ada E. Gaskill, P. Grand Matron.

I. N. Hathaway, P. Grand Patron.

S. H. Schmuck, P. Grand Patron.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Annette Gorman, Grand Matron.

Philip C. Shaffer, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Rata A. Mills, A. Grand Matron.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Emogene Williams, Grand Matron.

S. Penrose Williams, Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary F. Phillips, A. Grand Matron.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron.

Mrs. Frank A. Brown, proxy for A. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Ella L. Williams, proxy for A. Grand Matron.

Frank A. Brown, P. Grand Patron.

Mrs. Mary A. Brown, P. Grand Matron.

TEXAS.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, P. Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

Miss Jennie Moore, proxy for A. Grand Matron.

S. D. Moore proxy for A. Grand Patron.

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Martha D. Ross, Grand Matron and proxy for Grand Patron.

Miss Annie Phillips, A. Grand Matron.

Miss E. C. Dean, proxy for A. Grand Patron.

Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter.

MARYLAND.

Mrs. M. Megenhardt, Worthy Matron, representative from Maryland Chapter No. 2.

Frederick W. Lantz, representative from Alpha Chapter No. 1.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Fred. G. Alexander, W. Patron and representative from Ruth Chapter No. 1.

Miss Helen Matthews, representative from Electa Chapter No. 2.

Mrs. Sarah P. Tyrer, W. Matron and representative from Naomi Chapter No. 3.

Mrs. M. Ella Espey, W. Matron and representative from Martha Chapter No. 4.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Annie E. Waterhouse, W. Matron and representative from Miriam Chapter No. 1.

NEW MEXICO.

Mrs. Maggie W. Porterfield, representative from Silver City Chapter No. 3.

FLORIDA.

Mrs. Alice H. Haskell, representative from Magnolia Chapter No. 2.

IDAHO.

C. A. Warner, representative from Ruth Chapter No. 3.

TENNESSEE.

Sterling M. Price, W. Patron and representative from East Nashville Chapter No. 1.

Fraternally Submitted,

N. A. GEARHART,
MRS. JANE D. DAVIS,
MRS. CARRIE S. FAIRBAIRN.

Upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford the report of the Committee was adopted and the same continued.

The M. W. Grand Matron, extended a cordial welcome to the many visitors that were present, from the Grand Chapters of New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and Vermont.

GREETINGS.

Greetings were read from the Grand Matron of California, Mrs. Agusta D. Wilson, and the" Womans Journal", of Boston, which were ordered filed, and noted on the records. Greetings were extended by the R. W. Grand Secretary, from Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, the first Most Worthy Grand Matron, which were ordered to take the same course.

W. H. Wakefield submitted the following resolution, which was referred by the chair to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter form and promulgate a test oath, to be taken by all applicants for visitation or relief, who have not been fully vouched for.

C. HANSON.
W. H. WAKEFIELD.
JOB NEWTON.
MRS. SUE M. TUTTLE.
MRS. NETTIE C. KENNER

Daniel Seagrave moved that the "Address of Welcome," and the "Response," be spread upon the records of the General Grand Chapter, and the same was carried.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the Committee on Addresses as follows: Philip C. Shaffer, William H. Bartells, and Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon.

The reading of the minutes of the last Session of the General Grand Chapter, was dispensed with, as printed copies were in the hands of the members.

Motion prevailed to call from labor to refreshment, to convene at two o'clock P. M., the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaiming the call.

In Triennial Session.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON.

FRIDAY, August 29th, 1895.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at two o'clock p. m., the Most Worthy Grand Matron presiding. After prayer by the V. W. Grand Chaplain the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaimed the afternoon session open and ready for business.

ADDRESS

OF

MARY C. SNEDDEN, M. W. GRAND MATRON.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron then read her report as follows:

Sisters and Brothers:—We bid you welcome to this the Eighth Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter. The last session was held in the city of Columbus. This was followed by the Great Columbian Exposition, and it seems a fitting close of the term that this Session should be held here, where our forefathers sought and found "Freedom to worship God;" here in the "Cradle of Liberty" under the shadow of Bunker Hill, and surrounded by so many associations connected with the history of our country.

In 1776 the Declaration of Independence was declared by King George "Rebellion," and the Patriots of the Revolution were designated "Rebels," but the feeble colonies had right on their side and withstood the opposition of all calumniators, until we stand to-day the proudest Nation on the Globe.

The Eastern Star has a similar history. Founded on enduring principles, its growth and prosperity was hampered and retarded by a "one man power;" the "colonies" revolted, the "patriots" rallied and in 1876 *our* Declaration of Independence was read and the General Grand Chapter was born. As we are proud of our America, so are we proud of our American Adoptive Rite, and more proud of our General Grand Chapter, which has, in these nineteen years of its existence, proved that the right method of Government has been found, and that we have attained a permanent place among the fraternal societies of the day.

We have come together once more in Triennial Session bringing the record of labor performed, and to legislate for the future. Let us devote our time to the consideration of such matters as may properly come before us, having but one object in view, "the good of our beloved Order."

NECROLOGY.

We return grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father, that He has permitted the Officers of this Grand body to assemble here, after a separation of three years, an unbroken band. DEATH, always an unbidden and unwelcome guest, has entered many of our homes and has called hence many of the ardent workers and honored members of the several Grand Chapters. Our sympathies have gone out to the bereaved and stricken ones, as with sorrowing hearts,

they have turned from their dead to again take up the burden of life.

Among the honored dead we record the names of:

Brother Robert Van Valzah, Past Grand Patron of Indiana.

Brother Joseph A. Manning, Grand Patron of Indiana.

Brother Gustavus A. Colton, Past Grand Patron of Kansas.

Sister Frances R. Martin, Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Secretary of Connecticut.

Brother H. A. Guild, Past Grand Patron and for ten years Grand Secretary of Nebraska.

Sister Catherine Morris, wife of Robert Morris, the founder of the Eastern Star.

Robert Macoy. Born Oct. 4th, 1816. Died Jan. 9th, 1895.

The name of Robert Macoy will ever stand associated with that of our founder, Rob. Morris. For many years they worked together, the one originating the Order, the other, with his executive ability putting it into an organized system, without which it would have been a failure. We desire to accord to his memory the honor due for his many years of earnest labor for, and love of our Eastern Star, I ask that suitable pages be set apart in our Proceedings in memory of Robert Macoy, Catherine Morris, and the other honored dead.

OFFICIAL ACTS.

Approved By-Laws of the following Chapters:

Lynds No. 1, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Ruth No. 5, Riverpoint, R. I.

Mountain Gem No. 7, Lewiston, Idaho.

Electa No. 3, Washington, D. C.

Ruth No. 1, Brightwood, D. C.

Queen Esther No. 2, Central Falls, Rhode Island.

Adah No. 8, Boise, Idaho.

Louise L. McGuire No. 6, Monroe, La.
Prairie No. 7, Sanburne, N. Dak.
Adah No. 8, Ellendale, N. Dak.
Golden Rod No. 5, London, Ky.
Mizpah No. 6, Idaho City, Idaho.
Naomi No. 4, Albion, Idaho.
Electa No. 2, Anacostia, D. C.
Georgetown No. 4, Georgetown, N. Mex.
Mountain No. 2, Park City, Utah.
Adah No. 5, Albuquerque, N. Mex.
Hope No. 4, Hope Valley, R. I.
Woonsocket No. 3, Woonsocket, R. I.
Shoshone No. 10, Wallace, Idaho.
Inverness No. 4, Inverness, Fla.
Fort Casper, No. 4, Casper, Wyo.

Approved change in By-Laws of Prairie Chapter No. 7, Sanburne, N. D.

I found among the first few By-Laws sent me for approval a diversity of form, many articles being in conflict with our O. E. S. laws. I therefore drew up a form of By-Laws suitable for the use of Eastern Star Chapters, and these have been sent out with the supplies, with the information that they would serve as a guide. I have put into the little form more is than really necessary for a code of By-Laws, but as few have access to any other Law, I thought it would be a help. The form has proved very popular, and many Chapters have adopted it without change, simply filling in the blanks.

APPROVAL OF BONDS.

October 21, 1892, I approved the bond of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, Sister H. A. Ercanbrack, and August 5, 1893, that of the R. W. Grand Secretary Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin.

DIMITS.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, Rocky Bar, Idaho, having died through removals and other causes, I approved the action of the R. W. Grand Secretary, in sending dimits to eleven of its members, who wished to affiliate with other Chapters.

CHAPTERS IN NEVADA.

In accordance with the resolution adopted at the last session of the G. G. C., (See Page 105 and 106 Pro.) I relinquished the three Chapters in Nevada to the Grand Chapter of California on April 30, 1894, the terms of the resolution having been fully complied with.

ERROR IN PRINTING CONSTITUTION

At the Sixth Triennial Session of the General Grand Chapter, the Committee of Revision of Constitution reported recommending an amendment to Art. 111 and such amendment was adopted. (See Page 77 Pro. 1889). The error, to which I call your attention, occurred in printing such Constitution as amended. The evident intention of the Committee was to have seven sections to Art. 111, the new section added by such report to be numbered 4, and the following sections to be 5, 6, and 7. In printing, the original section 3 was omitted entirely. In 1894 I discovered such omission and directed the R. W. Grand Secretary to have slips printed of such omitted section and to paste the same in its proper place in such copies of the Proceed ings of 1892 as remained in her possession, and such direction was carried out. It is presumed that hereafter in printing the Constitution, such Art. 111 will appear in its proper form.

RECOGNITION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

In accordance with custom, I united with the M. W. G. Patron in sending out a Recognition Notice of the new Grand Chapters of North Dakota, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island and Minnesota.

While the latter was not strictly a new Grand Chapter, still we wanted to assure the Order that it was welcomed into the fold. I am sure every member of the Order in this Grand body rejoices over the fact that on May 10th, 1894, the two Grand Chapters met and formed a united Grand Chapter which gives every member of the former bodies all the rights and privileges of the Order. It is a just and honorable ending of this most unfortunate affair; but let us forget it, except in so far as we may profit by the lessons to be drawn from it, and thus be more mindful of our solemn obligation and the words of the Golden Rule. It was my pleasant duty to attend this meeting and during the week spent in Minnesota I met many of the members of the Order. I shall never forget the many favors shown me. I was tendered a reception by the five Minneapolis Chapters, at the Hall of No. 9, and an informal one by the three Chapters of St. Paul. I was given carriage-rides over both cities, a day at Minnetonka, and was shown the beautiful falls of Minnehaha; and such a cordial greeting was accorded me by all, that I shall ever hold the Grand Chapter of Minnesota dear to my heart, and wish them God-speed.

SPECIAL DEPUTIES.

Oct. 21, 1892, I appointed Brother S. H. Schmuck, G. P. of Ohio, to install Sister J. B McClintock as W. G. Adah. The duty was performed during the Grand Chapter Session Oct. 13, 1892.

Oct. 21, 1892, I appointed Brother Edwin Davis to install Bro. W. J. Mount as W. G. Sentinel. The duty was performed Nov. 5, 1892.

SPECIAL DISPENSATIONS.

Granted Special Dispensations to the following Chapters to elect and install officers out of the regular time:

Jan. 11, 1893. Lady Washington, No. 1, Jamestown, N. Dak.

Jan. 11, 1894. Logan, No. 2, Oakes, N. Dak.

Jan. 15, 1894. Golden Rule, No. 5, London, Ky.

April 17, 1894. Key Stone, No. 2, Duke Center, Pa., to install officers. In this case the Chapter had re-elected the same corps of officers and had not thought it necessary to install the same.

Dec. 3, 1893. To Mecca Ch. No. 5, Fargo, N. Dak., to elect and install officers on other than the night specified in their By-Laws.

Jan. 13, 1894. I gave the same Chapter authority to meet in regular session on any evening they could procure the hall. (Note—Fargo had been visited by a destructive fire on June 7th of that year, which had destroyed every hall in the city. A new Masonic Hall had been built, but it was used by so many bodies that the Chapter had to meet on such nights as they could).

Jan. 29, 1894. I granted a Special Dispensation to Alpha No. 1, Laramie, Wyo., to elect and install a Worthy Matron and Associate Matron.

Jan. 28, 1894. Legalized the election of officers, held in November of Prairie No. 7, Sanburne, N. Dak., as their By-Laws provided for election at that time.

March 7, 1894. To Naomi No. 4, Albion, Idaho, to elect and install a Worthy Patron.

July 11, 1894. To Electa, No. 135 Milan, Idaho, to receive the petitions of Mr. and Mrs. Henthorn, and Mr. and Mrs. Brentley of the Jurisdiction of the G. G. C.

Sept. 21, 1894. To Pearl No. 2, Cleveland, Ohio, to receive the petitions of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Donaldson, of the Jurisdiction of the G. G. C.

June 3, 1894. Legalized the election of the Officers of Rebecca No. 2, Welsh, La., and gave Special Dispensation to install Officers. This Chapter had revived after two years sleep. They paid all back dues and have done good work ever since.

Sept. 21, 1894. To same Chapter to ballot and confer degrees waiving time.

Sept. 11, 1893. To Martha Washington, No. 3, Scranton, Pa., to elect and install a Worthy Patron. This Cbapter was doubly bereaved. As they were lowering the body of their Worthy Matron into the grave, they received the sad news of the death of the Worthy Patron, who died en route home from the World's Fair.

Jan. 3, 1893. To St. John's No. 4, Philadelphia, Pa., to elect and install a Conductress.

Statement of the case of St. John's No. 4, Philadelphia.

The Chapter was organized in Oct., 1892. A lady we will call Mrs. C., had been installed as Mrs. T.'s proxy, and continued to act as Conductress for two months, committing the work, etc. At the regular meeting in Dec. the two ladies were candidates for the office, and Mrs. C., who had been installed, but not elected, was elected Conductress. She then refused to be installed, when Mrs. T. said she would *take* it. The question submitted to me was this:

Which lady is Conductress?

Ans. Neither.

Then the question: Has the Worthy Patron power to give the title of *Past* Conductress to the lady who served as substitute?

Ans. No.

As I had decided there was no Conductress, I then sent them a Special Dispensation to elect a Conductress, as they thought it would be more satisfactory than to have one appointed. The election took place Jan. 10, 1893, and resulted in the election of Mrs. T. Then the Worthy Matron, who was a daughter of Mrs. C., refused to be installed.

The Worthy Patron decided that the Past Worthy Matron should retain the position until they could again consult me. The other officers were then installed, and believing that it was for the best interest of the Chapter to refuse a Special Dispensation for the election of a Worthy Matron, I refused, and the Past Worthy Matron presided during the entire year with satisfaction to all.

April 27, 1895. To Fort Casper No. 4, Casper, Wyo., to elect and install an Associate Matron.

SIGNET.

The first serious matter to confront us was the condition in which the matter of Signet had been left at the close of the last session. A reference to the printed report will show that the General Grand Chapter approved the report of the Special Committee, which reported the Signet as the lawful property of Bro. Engle, who held the copyright.

Up to that time there had never been any Signet authorized by the G. G. C. and all the recommendations on this subject, by Sister Nettie Ransford, M. W. G. M., were adopted, which made the Signet as much a part of the ceremonies as the Ritual, and also made the R. W. G. Secretary the "financial agent in the purchase and sale of Rituals, Signets, etc." There was also [See Page 107] a committee appointed "to prepare a design of a Signet to be used by the G. G. C." This committee attempted to make a report, after the Installation, which, according to the Rules of the

Order [See Page 151], is the last order of business and cannot be suspended [See Rule XIV] "except by unanimous consent," which could not be secured. The matter was left in this very unsatisfactory condition.

We believed that the G. G. C. should own its own Signet and that the action of the body gave us authority to purchase one. Upon consultation with the M. W. G. Patron and R. W. G. Secretary, we decided to purchase the Signet heretofore in general use, and use it until this Session. The purchase was made in Dec. 1892. Since that time no trouble of any kind has arisen over the matter, all seem satisfied, and I am led to believe that we did the best thing we could under the circumstances. The Special Committee will doubtless make a report at this Session, when it will be in order for the G. G. C. to adopt an authorized Signet.

I submit this action to you, hoping it will receive your approbation.

WORLD'S CONGRESS OF REPRESENTATIVE WOMEN.

Early in 1893 I received an invitation to take part in the World's Congress of Women, to be held in Chicago in May. As giving recognition to the Eastern Star, your presiding officer was made an honorary member of the Home Advisory Board.

Tuesday, May 16, was assigned to the Eastern Star and one of the large rooms in the Art Palace given us. It was a day of perfect enjoyment and great profit. We believe our Order attained a higher plane by reason of that day.

Our leading workers prepared and read papers of unusual merit and we regret that they have not been preserved in pamphlet form. The whole week of the Congress was a treat, such as has seldom fallen to the lot of womankind.

On Wednesday, May 17th, your presiding officer had the honor of presiding over one of the large gatherings held in the Hall of Columbus, one of the main halls.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

This Society has several times extended an invitation to the Order of the Eastern Star to unite with it, but no definite action was ever taken, nor was the object of the Council explained so that we might know whether it would be advisable to unite with it or not.

I received, through its officers, an invitation to attend the Triennial Session to be held at Washington, D. C., Feb. 17th–March 2nd, 1895 as a Fraternal Delegate, with the privilege of extending a greeting for the Eastern Star.

As I had long felt that the Chapters in Washington, Wheeling and Baltimore might be benefited by an official visit, I consulted with my associate officers and decided to accept the invitation.

On Feb. 18th I had the very great privilege of a place on the platform, and of meeting the many distinguished women who participated in the exercises. Twenty-two societies were represented. Each Fraternal Delegate was allowed five minutes in which to present her greetings. That of the Eastern Star seemed to be favorably received.

The National Council of Women is composed of twenty prominent Women's Societies. It meets triennially and all questions pertaining to women's work are discussed. It is a gathering of intellectual, thinking women, contact with whom, cannot but elevate those uniting with them. The invitation will again be extended, and it should receive definite response.

Our Order is gradually growing in the estimation of the Masonic Fraternity, and it has been my policy to raise the standard of excellence whenever possible so that we may command the respect, not only of our brother Masons, but also of the world.

The question to be decided is whether it would benefit us, as an Order, and if so whether we desire to unite with the Council or not. I recommend that the matter be referred to a special committee to report at this meeting.

WORLD'S FAIR.

At the last session the Finance Committee failed to make any recommendation in regard to the maintenance of headquarters, although the R. W. G. Secretary asked for some action. As I was on that committee I must take the blame upon myself. As 1893 came on apace the demand seemed almost universal that we should have a space in the great Exposition where our Order might assemble.

Before the last session the R. W. G. Secretary applied for the space, and in Feb. 1893 it was assigned her; so she must either hold it or give it up. With our approval she undertook the herculean task of raising the money and superintending the work.

She sent out an appeal to all the Chapters in the various States, asking for a contribution towards establishing headquarters, but in the mean time the order came from the Board of Lady Managers that the organization Room must be all furnished and ready by May 1st. This would not give time for the Chapters to respond. Consulting with my associate Officers, and all agreeing, I ordered a warrant to be drawn on the Treasury for $500, with the understanding that if sufficient funds were raised from the appeal sent out,

this was to be returned to the Treasury. Thinking it *would* come in, the R. W. G. Secretary returned $250 of this amount; but she was mistaken in this and we are still greatly indebted to her, for she personally met every obligation. I trust this matter will receive attention from the Finance Committee.

Through the persistant efforts of sister Pitkin we had and maintained one of the most successful headquarters of any society. Located in the N. W. corner of the organization Room in the Woman's Building, it was easy of access and proved a bright oasis, where many a weary traveler found cool sparkling water, an easy chair, and cordial greeting. Our sister arranged many reception days, and three times during the sea son your M. W. G. Matron spent a week there, assisting in receiving the many guests from every quarter of the country. These reception days, held by the Chicago Chapters and several Grand Chapters, brought together hundreds of members whose names appear on the beautiful register. I cannot refrain here from returning my grateful thanks to the Sisters of the Chicago Chapters for the many and unfailing courtesies they extended to me on these visits. Flowers and other more lasting souvenirs greeted me whereever I went among them. We are only beginning to realize the benefits that will come from the "Corner." The financial depression following the Fair prevented the formation of many Chapters, but inquiries are coming from every quarter, in which the writer says "I became interested in the Eastern Star through your headquarters at the World's Fair."

DECISIONS.

Under this heading I have written hundreds of letters, answering to the best of my ability, the ques-

tions of "all sorts and conditions" that have been submitted to me. It should be the duty of a presiding officer to interpret, or construe law, and not to make it; but our Rules and Regulations for Subordinate Chapters are so incomplete that I fear I have transcended my powers.

Many of the Grand Matrons have appealed to me for the solution of knotty questions that had come to them, showing that the Grand Chapters look to the General Grand Chapter as the "highest tribunal" in Eastern Star law and usage.

Many of the questions asked were not of law, but pertaining to Chapter work, custom or usage. I have therefore divided the questions:

First,—Decisions of Law.

Second,—Answers to questions of custom and usage.

DECISIONS OF LAW.

Ques. Is either the Worthy Matron or the Worthy Patron of a Chapter under the G. G. C. entitled to send a proxy to the G. G. C.?

Ans. According to Art. 11 Sec. 2 Constitution of the G. G. C. each Chapter is entitled to "one delegate, or legally appointed proxy," and Art. VI. Sec. 2 says "And each Subordinate Chapter under the immediate Jurisdiction of the G. G. C., not in arrears for dues to this G. G. C. in states and territories, where less than five Subordinate Chapters exist, is entitled to one vote in this G. G. C. I would say that the Chapters must select this delegate, who should be given the Credentials sent out by the R. W. G. Secretary. The Secretary of the Chapter should fill out this Credential and affix the seal, and that delegate be it W. M. or W. P. or any other member in good standing, is the only one who can appoint a proxy to act for him or her in the G. G. C.

Ques. Should the minutes show number of ballots; for

instance, if a candidate is elected on second ballot, should the records show first ballot dark, second clear?

Ans. No, the result is all that should be recorded.

Ques. Can the present Worthy Patron resign to become a member of a new Chapter?

Ans. No.

Ques. Must all members dimitting to join a new Chapter sign the charter list of the latter.

Ans. Any member (except an elective officer) clear on the books and free from charges may dimit. What he does about joining another Chapter is optional with him.

Ques. Would it be legal to leave a regular meeting of a Chapter open for at least four days, and then transact business; also would it be constitutionally legal to bring new business before said continued meeting?

Ans. There is no such thing as "continued meetings." The By-Laws provide for regular meetings to be held on certain specified days and all such meetings must open and close on said days.

Ques. Is a Past Matron of a Chartered Chapter, who is now a W. M. of a Chapter U. D. eligible to the office of Grand Matron?

Ans. Yes, by virtue of her being a Past Worthy Matron, she is eligible to the office of Grand Matron as long as she is in good standing in the Order.

Ques. Who are charter members, and whose names should appear on the charter issued by a new Grand Chapter? Are they those who are on the original charter, or all the members of the Chapter at the time the Grand Chapter is organized?

Ans. The signers for the original charter. This question was satisfactorily overcome by the recommendation that the new Grand Officers simply endorse the original charters.

Ques. A Grand Matron asked: When a member is suspended must the Secretary of the Chapter notify all the other Chapters in the Jurisdiction?

Ans. The Secretary must report the names of all suspended members to the Grand Secretary in her annual report. This is all that is usually required.

The three following questions were from a Grand Matron:

1st. Has a Chapter U. D. the same rights in reference to jurisdiction as a chartered Chapter?

Ans. Yes.

2nd. What would be the proper action to be taken where a Chapter appropriates the material of another, without a waiver of jurisdiction; and would the same action apply to Chapters U. D.?

Ans. The invading Chapter should pay the Chapter, whose territory it invades the fee said Chapter would have charged for the degrees, and should make proper apology to said Chapter. If the material was taken wilfully and with intent to wrong, its charter should be arrested. If petitioner was received through a misstatement of facts, he should be expelled. The same action would apply to Chapters U. D.

3rd. What action should be taken where the Chapter whose jurisdiction has been invaded refuses to accept the candidate to membership in said Chapter, unless the members have the right to ballot on said candidate?

Ans. The candidate belongs to the Chapter in which he received the degrees, and not to the one whose jurisdiction has been invaded. If the former refunds the fee and makes proper apology said action should be accepted by the latter, *Provided*, as I said in No. 2 the action was not done with intent to wrong.

Ques. Does it require a special dispensation to install in public?

Ans. No.

From a Grand Matron:

Ques. The Grand Matron appointed a Past Grand Matron her District Deputy Grand Matron. Said District Deputy organized one new and revived one old Chapter. It was then reported to the Grand Matron that this Past Grand Matron was dimitted when the commission was given her, but she had af-

filiated with the Chapter she had revived. Was this work done by a dimitted member legal?

Ans. The sister was appointed in good faith, the members received her work in the same spirit. Technically, perhaps the appointment was irregular, but I see nothing illegal in the work. The Sister undoubtedly took her dimit for the purpose of uniting with another Chapter, which she did within two months.

Ques. If a candidate is rejected, can the same petition be balloted on again at the next meeting, without the knowledge of the petitioner or without notifying her of her rejection?

Ans. No. (See Sec. 10 Rules and Regulations G. G. C.)

Ques. When the By-Laws say a two-thirds vote is required, does it mean of all the members, or only of the members present?

Ans. Two-thirds of the members present.

Ques. A Mason sent his petition to our Chapter, was elected but never initiated. He has paid dues every year and is clear on the books. He now wishes his daughter to join, using his initiation fee, and applying his dues paid as though paid for her. Will you give me the law on the question?

Ans. This is a question for which there is no law. I never heard of any one paying dues to a society to which he does not belong. The Chapter had no right to collect dues from the gentleman, until he had been initiated, and can refund the amount thus paid in. The daughter must present her fee as any other petitioner.

Ques. In the election of honorary members is the same course pursued as in the election of new members, and how should the ballot stand?

Ans. No, it is not necessary to have a petition referred, etc., but the ballot should be unanimous.

Ques. Has an honorary member of a Chapter the right to vote in Grand Chapter, as proxy of one of the first three officers of said Chapter?

Ans. No.

Ques. If an objection is made to a visitor does a mere objection bar the visitor?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. How shall objection be made?

Ans. The objection should be made in open Chapter.

Ques. Can objection be filed permanently, and so recorded?

Ans. Objection can not be extended beyond the meeting at which made. No record of an objection should be made.

Ques. Is it legal to appoint a Past Patron to install a Grand Warder?

Ans. Yes, he is a member of the Grand Chapter.

Ques. A widow of a Master Mason marries a man not a Mason. She is divorced from second husband, the court giving her the name of first husband. Is she eligible to O. E. S. degrees, through being the widow of a Master Mason?

Ans. No, when she married again she ceased to be the widow of a Master Mason.

Ques. Can I use the Ritual with the Queen of the South and Amaranth Degrees in my Chapter?

Ans. Not so long as you belong to a Chapter in a Grand Chapter under the G. G. C.

Ques. Can members be deprived of their right of ballot or of holding office, who are one year in arrears for dues, yet who have not been suspended, and have no charges pending against them?

Ans. No. (See Sec. 20, 21, 22. Rules and Regulations.)

Ques. Are the acts of a Subordinate Chapter legal, when not in conflict with the Constitution, Rules and Regulations of the G. G. C., when the By-Laws have not been submitted for approval.

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Can a Chapter amend its By-Laws before said By-Laws have been submitted for approval?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Is it necessary to install re-elected officers?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Can officers be installed by proxy?

Ans. No.

Ques. Can we submit questions of law to our Deputy Most Worthy Grand Patron? Is his decision binding?

Ans. The Deputy of the M. W. G. P. is appointed to organize Chapters, that is his only duty. All decisions of law should be referred to the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Ques. Can dues be remitted and a dimit granted?

Ans. Yes, by a majority vote dues may be remitted, which places the member clear on the books, and then a dimit may be granted.

Ques. Mrs. J—, sister of a Master Mason in good standing, was a signer of the petition for a Chapter. When all were ready to be obligated, the Special Deputy of the M. W. G. P. ruled her ineligible because her husband was not a Mason. Three months later they learned that she *was* eligible. The Worthy Patron notified her to present herself for initiation. The Worthy Matron refused to admit her until the Chapter should have acted upon the question as to whether she should be restored to the Charter list or not. Had the Worthy Patron the right to restore her?

Ans. No, the Chapter should have acted on the matter.

Ques. A Grand Matron writes: The charter of No.— issued by G. G. C. has never been changed by our Grand Chapter. Has the Grand Chapter of — any right to arrest it if misdemeanors or cause were given?

Ans. Yes, the Chapter is working under your authority, and is subject to your jurisdiction. Every charter should have been endorsed or new ones issued at the organization of your Grand Chapter. If by neglect this was not done, you should have it done at once for the G. G. C. has no authority over any Chapter in your State.

Ques. How can we get rid of Charter members, who have never been obligated?

Ans. The Chapter can offer a resolution to this effect,

that they shall be notified to present themselves within a specified time for initiation, or their names will be dropped from the rolls.

Ques. Must per capita be paid on such members, if no action has been taken when the returns are due?

Ans. Yes, their names appear on the list sent to the R. W. G. Secretary as members.

The question as to the status of members under the Macoy system is still being asked, and I have in all cases answered that the members could petition for affiliation and be re-obligated or "healed."

A peculiar case was that of Bro. Pratt, of Webb City, Mo. He had been Worthy Patron of a Queen Esther Chapter, Vinita, I. T. in 1878. He wanted the R. W. G. Secretary to give him a certificate of standing. She referred the matter to me. I found the G. G. C. had never had a Chapter in Vinita at that time. I wrote Bro. J. S. Murrow, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Indian Territory, and he assured me that he had organized a Chapter there and that Bro. Pratt was Worthy Patron, but he had forgotten where he got the authority. I turned over all the correspondence to the Grand Matron of Missouri, as I was satisfied she was the proper person to decide the question.

Ques. What Grand Officers should receive the Grand Honors when visiting a Subordinate Chapter.

Ans. The Grand Matron and Grand Patron.

A Worthy Patron asked for a duplicate charter to be a true copy of the charter, saying it was the custom of Masons in that State to place the original in a safe deposit vault and use the duplicate.

I replied that I could not construe Sec. 4 Rules and Regulations to allow the use of a duplicate, and refused to order a duplicate sent.

Ques. A brother and sister, who belonged to one of the Chapters which was represented at the organization of the Grand Chapter, but which Chapter never formally ratified the

proceedings of that body, and is now defunct, wish to unite with one of our Chapters. What are the necessary steps to be taken?

Ans. They should petition for affiliation, and in place of the dimit which should accompany said petition, they should present a certified statement of the facts. If elected they should be re-obligated, and if necessary instructed in the work before signing the By-Laws.

Ques. Has an officer of the General Grand Chapter a right to appeal from the decision of her Grand Chapter?

Ans. No. This question was submitted by the friends of an officer of the General Grand Chapter who has been suspended from her Chapter for two years, which action was confirmed by her Grand Chapter. Her friends feel that she has been wrongfully punished by the Grand Chapter, and while this may be true and our sympathy be with our Sister, yet we believe that the G. G. C. has no power to act in the matter, but that the action of a Grand Chapter in such a matter is final.

CUSTOM AND USAGE.

The following are some of the questions on custom and usage that have been submitted to me, showing that our Ritual has left many things open for discussion, and properly, too; still there are some questions that should be answered to secure uniformity.

My answers are of course my opinions only, and of no official value. I therefore recommend that this part of my report be referred to a Special Committee, who shall prepare a report, which when adopted shall be a guide for the future. This could be printed in convenient form and sent out with the Rituals. While the G. G. C. decisions in this matter would apply only to Chapters working under its immediate jurisdiction, yet the fact remains that the majority of the Grand Chapters are looking to us for some legislation on these matters, and will doubtless endorse the report.

A number of Grand Chapters have been agitated over the question of a pass-word and a Test Oath, and have deferred action until after this meeting.

Six Grand Chapters use the Cabalistic word as a pass-word in opening the Chapters, and I have been asked by two Grand Matrons if I would forbid it. I have answered that I have no authority to forbid anything in her Grand Chapter. I did not think, however, that anything should take the *place* of the examination, as prescribed by the Ritual. They assured me that this did not.

One Grand Matron has, what I consider, a better method than using the Cabalistic word, which is so commonly seen on jewels, badges, and other places as to make it unfit for a test.

Our Ritual says, "The Conductress shall ascertain and report;" but does not say *how* this shall be done. This Grand Matron has introduced this method: The Asso. Matron says, "Sister Conductress, you will ascertain and report whether all present are members of the Order, by taking up the pass of Adah (or any of the five passes). The Conductress stops in front of the member or visitor—the member or visitor rises, —gives her the grip and the pass mentioned by the Associate Matron."

One of the Chapters had an experience with a visitor, who had all the work perfectly, but who was not in good standing. They wanted to know if there was not some way in which they could be protected from this in the future. I sent them and several other Chapters this Test Oath, believing it would prove a protection to them. The Grand Chapters of Oregon and Wisconsin have adopted a similar Test Oath. "I —— in the presence of Almighty God, and these Witnesses, do most solemnly affirm upon my honor, that I have been regularly initiated in a legally constituted

Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; that I am in good standing in the Order, and am not under suspension or expulsion, and know of no reason why I should be excluded from the privileges of the Order."

The Test Oath should be taken by the visitor, repeating it after the examining Committee, and with the right hand on the Bible:

Ques. Has the use of the veil been abandoned, or are we to use it?

Ans. The veil at the point of Adah is used in most Jurisdictions but the veil for candidate is not used.

Ques. Must the Chaplain use the prayer in the Ritual, or may she make an extemporaneous prayer?

Ans. It is not *obligatory* to use the form of prayer in the Ritual in the opening or closing ceremony, but think the prayers given in Ritual should be used in initiation and installation.

Ques. Our Chapter Officers use sashes, those on the North side of room from right to left, and those on South side from left to right, as it looks better in our marches. Have we a right to use them that way?

Ans. I see nothing objectionable in wearing them thus.

Ques. When the Worthy Matron asks the Worthy Patron to preside during the conferring of degrees, should he take the presiding Officers chair? If so, which chair should the W. M. take?

Ans. Yes. The Worthy Matron rising, and, stepping to the front and handing the gavel to the Worthy Patron should say: "Worthy Patron, will you preside during the conferring of degrees?" and they exchange places. (This question has been asked me many times).

Ques. After the Worthy Patron tells the Conductress to place the candidates in proper position, etc., should he sit down till this is done, or remain standing?

Ans. He should remain standing.

Ques. Is it obligatory that the floor star be used? We are tired of ours and prefer a scarf on altar, embroidered in the appropriate colors. Can we use this?

Ans. You can use the colors and emblems in the way desired. The Ritual is not meant to prevent you from beautifying your Chapter and does not say the floor star *shall* be used.

Ques. Should the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron stand or sit during the opening?

Ans. They should sit.

Ques. When should they rise?

Ans. When the Worthy Matron says, "It is in this spirit, I desire," etc.

Ques. After the customary raps have been given by the Warden and Sentinel, the door opened, the cause ascertained, and the door closed, should the customary raps be repeated after the door is closed?

Ans. No.

Ques. Must the whole of the opening ceremony be used in Called or Special meeting?

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Should the Worthy Patron have charge of the secret work, if he is a regular attendant?

Ans. Yes.

What is your "hailing sign" is a question often asked.

Bro. Hanson, Grand Patron of Mo., 1894, and others, think we ought to ask the Masons to give us one of their signs as a mutual recognition sign. I presume we would accept it if tendered us, but we cannot expect such a thing. Could we not create a "hailing sign" out of one of our own? The sign of Esther would be a good one, and if candidates were instructed that this was the "hailing sign," would it not be a good thing?

RECOMMENDATIONS.

I recommend that a private seal be procured for the use of the Most Worthy Grand Matron. In send-

ing out Special Dispensations and Commissions it gives character to a document to bear a seal.

I recommend that the decision of P. M. W. G. P. Rollin P. Gaskill be reversed, and in its stead recommend the following: "That Special Deputies of the M. W. G. Patron, for the purpose of organizing Chapters may be either a Brother or Sister, duly qualified."

I recommend that the words, "for any other cause than non-payment of dues," be stricken from the Ritual, Page 7, under the heading, "Membership," and that Page 2 of Ritual under "Membership" be made to agree with the decisions of Bro. Willis Brown and Bro. J. S. Conover. Their decisions admit half sisters and adopted daughters, and if this clause is to be so understood, the Ritual must be amended.

Several Grand Matrons have asked me how long appointments as Grand Representative should hold, and what the duties of the office were. I have replied that the appointment was a fraternal courtesy only and I find no uniform time. In nearly all, the appointments are made yearly, and as some of the Grand Chapters meet in the Spring and some in the Fall, there are often two credentials presented. Oregon has made the time three years. When Sister Pitkin was M. W. G. Matron, she recommended this plan, and that the credentials should expire with the G. G. C. session. I think it would be well for the several Grand Chapters to act in this matter and secure a uniform length of time. I notice also that the custom seems to be to appoint the present Grand Matron. This is not the Masonic custom, and more often one is appointed who has never been in the Grand East.

VISITATIONS.

During the three years past I have received invitations from almost every Grand Jurisdiction to attend

their Grand Chapter meetings, and many of the Subordinate Chapters in the several States have extended invitations to social gatherings, installations, and anniversaries. Whenever possible, I have accepted these invitations, but more often could only send greeting and regrets.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

I have visited the following Grand Chapters:

Arkansas, in 1893, Kansas, my own, in 1893 and '95, Missouri in 1893 and '94, Indiana in 1893 and '94, Minnesota in 1894, Iowa in 1894, Illinois in 1894 and Michigan in 1894. In each case I was the guest of the Grand Chapter and installed its Officers.

Nov. 21, 1894, I presided over the convention at the organization of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

By special request I assisted in the organization of new Chapters at Upper Alton, Ill., Pullman, Ill., and at De Soto, Mo., and Poplar Bluffs, Mo.

Nov. 26, 1893, I attended a reception, given in my honor by my own Chapter, Mendias, and Wyandottee Lodge No. 3 A. F. and A. M. of Kansas City, Kansas. It was a grand affair, guests being in attendance from all the surrounding cities. No courtesies that can come to me are more appreciated than those that were tendered me by my own home friends.

March 7, 1893, Miriam Chapter No. 1, Chicago, Ill., attained her 25th birthday, and I was her guest at the very elegant reception she gave on the occasion.

Dec. 27, 1893, I installed the officers of Venus Chapter No. 153, St. Louis. Jan. 10, 1895, was elected an Honorary Member of this Chapter.

July 26, 1894, I attended a delightful reception given by the four city Chapters to myself and the Grand Officers of Missouri.

Oct. 2, 1894, I attended a reception given by Golden Rod

Chapter and Oct. 6th one given by Queen Esther Chapter, Chicago.

Nov. 19, 1894. Made an official visit to Canawacta Chapter No. 4 of Susquehanna, Pa.

Feb. 13. Made an official visit to Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling, W. Va., the only Chapter in that Jurisdiction. This is the home of our W. G. Marshal, Bro. Joseph Hall.

Feb. 16. Visited St. John's Chapter No. 4, Philadelphia, Pa.

Feb. 18, 20 and 26 officially visited Ruth Chapter No. 1, Brightwood, D. C., Electa Chapter No. 2, Anacostia, D. C. and Alpha Chapter No. 1, of Baltimore, Md. Each of the above Chapters gave a reception in my honor and in many ways expressed their appreciation of the visit, which they thought would result in increased ardor for the work.

Since then we have added Martha No. 4, in Washington, and Maryland No. 2, in Baltimore.

April 17, 1895, I was the guest of Rock Island Chapter, Rock Island, Ill. The occasion was the first anniversary of the Chapter.

May 18, 1895. Attended a reception given by Beulah Chapter of Topeka, Kansas, in honor of the new Grand Matron, Sister Helen B. Farnsworth.

My last official visit was made to my own Chapter, Mendias No. 1, of Kansas, Aug. 6th. I reached my old home that morning, spent a social afternoon with about forty Sisters at the home of Sister Stevens.

The Chapter meeting was a veritable "love feast." Bro. Rose, Past Patron, presented me with a beautiful bouquet of flowers tied with the emblematic colors, but his words of commendation were so warm and cordial that I found it hard to fittingly respond. After the close of the Chapter a social hour was spent and choice refreshments served.

Aug. 22nd. I closed my official work by assisting in the organization of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

These in brief are some of the "good times" that have come to me. They caused me to travel over 22,000 miles, occupying 230 days,—miles and days that will never be forgotten, but will ever be remembered as among the brightest of my life. One of my friends has aptly termed them my "butterfly days."

THE GOOD OF THE ORDER.

I desire to call the attention of the Grand Chapters to the fact that it is unnecessary to elect "delegates" to the General Grand Chapter. Our Constitution provides for its own delegates, and tells very plainly who they shall be. It is not only an act of discourtesy to the presiding officers, whose right it is to represent their State, but it places the "delegate" in an unenviable position, for she will not be received by this body unless she comes as the proxy of the proper representatives.

NEW DEGREES.

During the past two years I have had several Rituals submitted to me for approval, the writers of which style them "Higher Degrees to the Eastern Star." It is to be regretted that the writers have made a prerequisite for petitioners to have a membership in the Eastern Star, as it gives the impression that our Order endorses the degrees. In some cases members have printed upon their cards their Eastern Star standing, and ranking this the "Higher Degree." We can not prevent the gentlemen making degrees, but we feel they have no right to engraft them upon the Eastern Star as higher degrees. I have refused to give my approval to any of them.

RITUALS.

A number of complaints have come to me from the Jurisdictions where the sale of the Ritual has been

restricted by the action of the Grand Chapter. It is a matter of many phases. Have the Grand Chapters the right to say that a certain number of persons may own a book, and that certain other persons shall not own it, when they are anxious and willing to pay for one?

Then too, the Ritual is one of the principal supplies of the General Grand Chapter, and if the Grand Chapters restrict the sale, it will in time reduce the revenue, so that it will not pay to handle it. I am not prepared to suggest a remedy, but tell you this as a matter creating much contention in some States, and the time may come when the G. G. C. will have to take notice of it.

Several letters have been received by the R. W. G. Secretary and myself, asking whether a Grand Chapter or an individual had the right to publish for their own benefit any part of the Ritual, or to print the secret work in cipher for their own use. I understand the Funeral Ceremony and Installation have been thus used without the consent of the General Grand Chapter.

Would it be right for the Grand Chapters to print the Landmarks and General Regulations as given in the Ritual, in connection with their Constitution?

Does the copyright protect the whole book?

I submit these questions for your consideration and decision.

INDEPENDENT GRAND CHAPTERS.

While our Order is practically united, there are four Grand Chapters that have not as yet come into the Union; Connecticut, Vermont, New Jersey, and New York. The first three are now using our Ritual, and when we compare the growth and prosperity of our Chapters with theirs we wonder what argument they

use to persuade themselves that they are more "independent" than our twenty-five Grand Chapters, whose Constitutions say: "This Grand Chapter being Supreme in all matters appertaining to its affairs has power to exercise every right of sovereignty, limited only by the Constitution and the Landmarks of the Order."

What can be more independent than such a statement? We would like the members of these Grand Chapters to consider all there is to be gained, and that there is ***nothing*** to be lost by uniting with us.

I recommend that we invite these Grand Chapters and New York to unite with us, or take such other action as may be deemed best for the good of the Order.

MEXICO.

The extension of the Order into new territory is the work of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, but through his courtesy I desire to make a statement in regard to the introduction of the Eastern Star into Mexico.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary and myself became interested in the subject through a Brother in Mexico writing to us regarding the starting of a Chapter in San Luis Potosi, and the assurance that others could be formed. We thought it would be a fine thing to extend our territory beyond the United States, but investigation led us to pause and consider the step, and as a result we have not organized any Chapters in Mexico. It may not be generally known that Mexican Masonry is somewhat "mixed;" there are several bodies claming to be supreme. The Lodge at San Luis Potosi under which we would have organized, gives its allegiance to the Gran Dieta Simbolica, a body not recognized by any of the Grand Lodges of the United States, except New York and Texas. There

are several reasons for this, but we will give but one. The Lodges under the Gran Dieta of Mexico admit women, not only to the three Symbolic Degrees, but they also receive the fourteen degrees of the Lodge of Perfection.

The women are received in the regular Blue Lodges, where they participate in all the work. When there are a sufficient number "raised," they form a Lodge of their own.

In the official report of the Lodges of the Valley of Mexico to the Gran Dieta, the Women's Lodges are honorably mentioned for "constancy and industry" and their officers complimented.

Will our Brothers rise and explain that this is a modern innovation? Not so, my Brothers, for away back in "ye olden times" before your "Ancient Landmarks" were framed, *women* were made Masons. On the rolls of Ancient York Masonry—rolls that are acknowledged and preserved by the Grand Lodge of England—may be seen these words, "the one of the elders takeing the Booke and that hee or she that is to be made a Mason shall lay their hands thereon and the charge shall be given." This roll bears the date 1693. In another of these Rolls the Entered Apprentice is charged to "Obey your Master or Dame." Let us admit the fact that women have been and are now made Masons—what of it? Only this; in those days, and in that country there was no Order of the Eastern Star, but here where the glorious Star has a following of 120,000 Masons, their wives, mothers, sisters, widows, and daughters, the women do not *want* to be Masons, they do not *need* to be, for they have the support and protection of the craft without any of the responsibilities or dues.

THANKS AND CONCLUSION.

The three years past have been made bright to me by many kindly words of commendation, friendly acts, hearty co-operation with plans suggested, and many courtesies. Words can but feebly express the thanks I feel towards one and all, but I would be remiss indeed were I not to especially mention our beloved R. W. G. Secretary, Sister Lorraine J. Pitkin, for the constant and unfailing support and courage she has given me and our M. W. G. Patron, Bro. J. R. Donnell, for the confidence he has shown in allowing me to have my own way, and then approving all my acts.

I am also indebted to my associate officers, past and present, for advise and counsel; in fact every one in the whole Order with whom I have come in contact, has treated me with unfailing courtesy.

I rejoice that I can report the Order in a most flourishing condition. Our increase in Chapters and membership has been very gratifying, our Treasury has not known that there was a panic throughout the land, peace has spread her white wings over us and, with the exception of one State, we have uniformity of Ritual.

I have been in correspondence with almost every Grand Matron as well as with others in the several Jurisdictions but have tried especially to reach every Chapter under our own Jurisdiction, believing that much help could be given in that way. This has made a very heavy correspondence, for I have never failed to answer every letter of inquiry, no matter how trivial the matter involved. I have written over 6,000 letters.

To all the many and varied demands upon my time I have responded to the best of my ability.

When you so generously placed the authority in

my hands three years ago, I told you I had small ability for anything save hard work, and I assure you I have given you the "one talent" with the fervent prayer that it increase one hundred fold for the prosperity of our beloved Order.

MARY C. SNEDDEN,
M. W. Grand Matron.

On motion the Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron was referred to a special committee for distribution.

MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON'S ADDRESS.

The Most Worthy Grand Patron then read his address as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sisters and Brothers of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

The highest Council of the Eastern Star is now in session for the purpose of reviewing the past, deliberating on the present, and legislating for the future. We meet and renew our fraternal friendship and brotherly love; cement more closely the bonds of fellowship; widen the avenues of intellect, greet old friends, and make new ones. To one and all I extend a cordial, and fraternal greeting. We see around us old and familiar faces that never fail to meet with us, business and health permitting, they are always here, and will continue to be here in attendance at each succeeding session of the General Grand Chapter as long as their life below shall last. Those failing to meet with us are the losers, those who meet with us once

desire to come again, if they have the interest of the order at heart, as all members should have.

I see many new faces; sisters, and brothers we hail with pleasure your coming among us, and greet you with a brothers hand and heart and hope to learn to love you, as we love those who have been with us for years.

I congratulate you on the health, and prosperity vouchedsafed to us by the all-wise Father of the Universe since our last assembling. Coming here as the representatives of the Eastern Star from the various parts of the country, in such numbers is evidence of its life and vigor. You are here to assist in the work of the General Grand Chapter; you have left your loved ones, your business and your cares; as a token of your pure undying love and devotion for this great institution, you are charged with great responsibility. You have met as sisters and brothers, to counsel how best you may promote the general good, to recount your material and moral growth, and rejoice over past blessings.

May we, while reviewing our past prosperity, gather renewed courage and fresh inducements to prosecute with vigor the work before us. Let us strive constantly to practice through the labyrinth of human life the precepts inoculated by our beautiful order, that we may receive the approbation of our Heavenly Father, and that our order may continue to prove a blessing to the world.

Is it not well, amid the mighty hurry of time, to pause and take a retrospective view of the state of our material and moral situation? Look into the progress we have made, examine it by the stern rule of mathematics, but calculate by the all-absorbing rule of love and devotion (for the greatest organization of ist nature the world has ever known) the outlook for the future,

and see if we are prepared to discharge our duty morally amid the duties of a busy life materially. We are destined, it seems, to become absorbed in the rushing business of daily life—of getting money and spending it, of commercial, professional, agricultural or society advancement—and to forget the high and more social duties taught by our beautitul order, because the remuneration for labor for it is not tangible and visible; hence the necessity of meeting and spending a few days at least have filled anew the hearts of the sisters and brothers with a fresh supply of love from the pure fountain (the General Grand Chapter), the source of the queen of streams of all fraternal societies, THE EASTERN STAR, that you may carry back to the various Grand Jurisdictions and to the membership generally the ever-living, working principle of the Eastern Star. We are too materialistic, we calculate nearly everything—the lodge, the chapter, the church and all—by the rigid rules of mathematics; so many dollars and cents invested, so much time engaged, so much ability and brain to conduct the business—certain results must be had or failure is inevitable. Our minds are being attracted in this channel, and to a great extent have been lured away from the valuable truths of our religious duty, as well as our moral nature, and it behooves us to devote ourselves to the inculcation of the great truths taught by our beloved order, which will elevate men and women to a natural, high moral standard. The teachings of the Eastern Star are Scriptural, taken from the teaching and character of five heroines of Bible fame; the lessons taught are the same as in years past and will be transmitted from generation to generation for all time to come.

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—The hand on the dial of time has made its third revolution, since we met last and unmistakably remind us that we have marked off

three years of our natural life never again to be recalled; and that the journey to that undiscovered country from whose borne no traveler returns, is three years shorter, this alone reminds us that soon all will be called hence by the God we love and adore; and "gathered into the land where our fathers have gone before us." But the good Mason is suddenly revived by the thought:"

"Beyond the flight of time,
"Beyond this vale of death,
"There is some blessed clime,
"Where life is not a breath."

"Yes the Christian's course is run,
"Ended is the glorious strife;
"Fought the fight, the work is done,
"Death is swallowed up in life."

"Borne by angels on their wings,
"Far from earth the spirit flies,
"Finds her God, and sits and sings,
"Triumphanting in paradise."

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—Since it is one of the requirements of our constitution, that I as Most Worthy Grand Patron shall render an account of my stewardship, or a report of my official acts, which are not numerous, I now proceed to discharge that, my last official obligation. I will detain you but a short time.

OUR DISTINGUISHED SLEEPING.

We have many reasons to be thankful to the Supreme Architect of the Universe; for the strong arm of His protection, has been around us, and guarded us against our common enemy, Death.

By the all-wise providence of God, the immediate membership composing the last session of The General Grand Chapter, has not been broken by death so far as my knowledge extends, but the ruthless destroyer has not been unmindful of us, however, as to the present membership. He who holds the destinies of mankind in the palm of His hand, has permitted only one link to fall away in death, but he was one of the best beloved, and most highly esteemed by the fraternity of his own Grand Jurisdiction, of all her distinguished brothers, and it is safe to say, that had his untimely death been postponed until we could have known him better, that the General Grand Chapter, would not have been found behind his Grand Chapter, in love, respect, and honor to this distinguished man, and mason. In the death of Brother Joseph A. Manning, Grand Patron, O. E. S. of Indiana, the order has lost a bright, and shining light, whose place will be hard to fill.

He had filled many stations of high trust, in the various masonic Grand Bodies of Indiana, all with credit to himself, and honor to the fraternity, but none with more distinction than that of Grand Patron.

He was elected Grand Patron and while filling the position, and discharging the duties of that office, was on the 26th day of October, 1894, called from labor to refreshment, very suddenly and unexpectedly, leaving his work unfinished.

He has only paid the debt that we must all shortly pay, and this warns us of the necessity of "making ready while it is yet day," "for the night cometh when no man can work."

He always discharged his duties to the full satisfaction of all, and his companions delighted to love and honor him.

His name and memory will ever be held in high repute by all who were so fortunate as to know him.

"Out of a land very dreary,
Out of the world so weary,
Into the rapture of rest"

he has passed and we see him no more, a solemn hush shuts him from us forever.

"A few more years shall roll,
A few more seasons come;
And we shall be with those that rest,
Asleep within the tomb."

"A few more storms shall beat
On this wild rocky shore;
And we shall be where tempests cease,
And serges swell no more."

Let us cherish his memory, and imitate his virtues.

DEPUTIES APPOINTED.

On my arrival home from the last General Grand Chapter I began the appointment of Deputies, as the work of extending the order must of necessity be done by them; this work has extended through my entire term of office, as I appointed one just a few days since.

I appointed two classes of deputies, one to do a specific thing, the other to do general work. The commission of those of the first class, expired with the performance of the duty assigned them; the commission of those of the second class, continued through my term of office.

I can not give a list of them, because in December last my office was burglarized and among

other th ngs taken, was the book in which I kept the memoranda of Eastern Star work, hence it will be impossible for me to give the information on this and other subjects that I desire to give, but will have to take the data from memory, which is treacherous, and the records of the R. W. G. Secretary, therefore it will not be as full as it otherwise might have been.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

Several Grand Chapters having been organized, and feeling the sore necessity of a uniform, and authorized Ritual, and a more thorough system of spreading the order into new territory, and source of authority, and information, they began to vie with each other; the results of which were the organization of The General Grand Chapter. By its Constitution it reserved certain rights, powers, and perogatives; giving to the Grand Chapters then organized, and others when organized, certain powers and perogatives as shown by its constitution.

The order was almost in an unorganized state, nothwithstanding several Grand Chapters existed; the work was not uniform in ritual or practice, but the little leaven that had been put in, had began to leaven the whole country and growth was the natural result; so as they grew, and Chapters were being planted in every state in the Union, the work of organizing being informal and as a result diversity in the ritualistic work was universal. Chapters were organized by incompetent persons known as "Charter Peddlers;" as soon as the chapter was organized, the organizers passed on their way, and no one ever again instructed the Chapter; so you can see clearly that there was no danger of the Chapter exposing the secrets of the order even to its own members. Under this state of affairs

when two Chapters were in the same city, members of the one could not prove themselves in the other, so great was the difference in the rendering of the ritual, if they should by chance be using the same kind. Thus the order was so confused that it lost its virtue and usefulness, hence the necessity for the organization of a Supreme Council for systemizing the Ritual, and eliminating the errors that had crept in, and to take a general supervision of the Eastern Star affairs in this country, October A. D. 1876, the General Grand Chapter was organized, and has been a living reality ever since.

Section 5, Article III of the constitution reads: "It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work, and formula for the installation of its own officers as well as the officers of Grand and subordinate Chapters." The above was embodied into the Organic law of the General Grand Chapter for a purpose and did not creep in by chance. The General Grand Chapter has adopted and promulgated a Ritual which is universally used save in New York alone. The Ritual of the Order is now so thoroughly understood that Eastern Star ceremonies are the same the country over, the work so thorough and systematic that even skeptical masons on "women masonry" have arrived at the conclusion that it is a great and powerful society, destined to do much good for Freemasonry.

Another object of the General Grand Chapter is the extention of the order into all countries taking full, and complete control of all States, and Territories having no Grand Chapter. The order is being rapidly spread through the medium of the General Grand Chapter, inquiries are being made from foreign countries from masons of renowned judgment and standing, concerning the order, and with a view of introducing it in their country; so the General Grand Chapter is

not falling short of its purpose, as designed by the noble men and women that placed it before the masonic world and asked the support of the generous Masons everywhere.

Its success during the two decades, through which it is about to pass is not the result of what we are doing alone, but the concerted action of the brain and pen of all the illustrious men and women who have worked and prayed for it since 1876, and especially those who spoke it into existence, many of whom are with us to day, but, alas, many of whom have been consigned to the city of the dead; "Peace be to their ashes," and a "monument to their memory."

FINANCE.

I am not informed of the findings of the Auditing Committee, but the Right Worthy Grand Secretary says to me that she is proud of the financial department of the General Grand Chapter which makes me say that we are prosperous from a financial standpoint, notwithstanding the stringency of money affairs of the country.

I have an idea of the expenditures, but know comparatively nothing of the receipts, hence I am unable to treat this branch of the affairs of the General Grand Chapter, as may be expected. Some of my predecessors have heretofore been quite elaborate on this subject. But, as it is, the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and Treasurer to make full and complete reports of the financial affairs of the General Grand Chapter, giving in detail an itemized account of the same, and as their reports will be submitted to the General Grand Chapter for your consideration, I deem it unnecessary, if I were able from a personal knowledge, to treat this subject further.

So I will refer you to the reports of the financial

officers, and the report of the committee that has audited their accounts for any information as to the financial affairs of the General Grand Chapter, which I feel sure you will find perfectly satisfactory.

PROSPERITY OF THE ORDER VS. HARD TIMES.

Our growth has not been what some of our most sanguine supporters expected, but it has been greater than any other fraternal organization, for the last three years, and, as shown by figures, has been over 80 per cent. This we think should be satisfactory.

When we met in last triennial session, we scarcely anticipated, and to be sure, we did not realize that the future would be fraught with events that would so seriously effect the welfare, prosperity, happiness and peace of mind of the people of this great nation, as that we have just experienced.

The follow-block of our political and financial system have been shaken, and the country made to endure, beyond measure, financial famine and general stagnation of business; the cemented compact that united this great government into one commonwealth, has been threatened. Coxey and his army marched to Washington, thousands of tramps made our highways hideous. Honest, hard working men were unjustly thrown out of employment, women and children suffered for want of wholesome food, and the general outlook was very discouraging. Banks, commercial, manufacturing and other institutions, of great magnitude with good financial standing, have gone to pieces, ruin, and disaster followed the results of as great a panic as a *prosperous* country ever experienced. Confidence lost, sympathy unheeded, unrest of mind of thousands and thousands of the people, tramps without number, have been the results of these lamentable convulsions that

have spread throughout our country; but notwithstanding this deplorable condition of things, The Eastern Star has been growing, steadily growing, irresistably growing, and to-day we look back upon our field of labor with pride because we have prospered during this press of money matters, and commercial stagnation.

MEMBERSHIP 110,635.

The growth of the order has been almost unprecedented in the history of secret organizations; it has been healthy and steady, and the present gives no signs of relaxation, but to the contrary promises a more rapid growth in the future than in the past. For three years, ending September, 1892, the membership increased nearly 80 per cent., numbering at that time in the United States 64,130. For the last three years the gain has been more than 70 per cent., the membership now being 110,635, divided as follows, to-wit:

In 24 Grand Chapters	97,600
In 68 Subordinate Chapters under the G. G. C.	3,577
In 4 Independent Grand Chapters, viz.: New York, New Jersey, Connecticut and Vermont	9,458
Total	110,635

I think with this statement before us we should take fresh courage and endeavor to keep up this steady growth and place an Eastern Star Chapter in every Masonic Hall in this country.

The noble women of this beautiful Order never tire or shrink from duty when an opportunitv presents itself in spreading the light of the Eastern Star and in placing the order in a favorable manner before the world by practicing its precepts, and they can be depended upon to do their whole duty.

We as Master Masons have not fully discharged our obligations until we have, as far as possible, given

every wife, daughter, mother, sister and widow of a Master Mason an opportunity to prepare herself, by means of secret signs, etc., thus enabling her to make herself known as such to a Master Mason whereever she may meet him; also the Master Mason must know the Eastern Star in order for him to be able to recognize a sister as such, that he may give her assistance, although she be a stranger, without fear of being imposed upon.

As women cannot be made Master Masons a Mason cannot try a sister as he would a brother, hence the necessity of the Masonic brotherhood thoroughly understanding the Eastern Star, and every lady should make herself familiar with the workings of the order. Let us as Master Masons start anew in the encouragement and support of this branch of adoptive Masonry, to the end that the Eastern Star may be, in the near future, as universal as craft Masonry, for until then, and then only, can this beautiful Order be enabled to do the whole mission that our venerable and illustrious Brother, Rob. Morris, intended it to do when he first penned the beautiful degrees. I have treated this branch of my subject from an emergency standpoint, saying nothing as to the social and fraternal features at home among your neighbors.

LETTERS.

Early in the year 1893, I having procured a list of the subordinate Lodges in the jurisdiction of Grand Lodges where we had no Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star, and as fast as possible, sent a personal letter to 2,000 of these lodges through their Secretaries asking them to consider the advisability of organizing an Eastern Star Chapter, in their lodge. These letters were type written as I thought it would cause a more prompt action than printed ones. I

picked the Lodges and sent to the largest ones as shown by the Proceedings, until I had sent 2,000. I sent a number of circular letters prepared by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. The harvest gathered from those letters was not as great as I wished, but they may be as "bread cast upon the water."

Here is a copy of the letter:

CONWAY, Ark., Jan., 1893.

Sec'y of.....

Loge No.....

Dear Sir and Brother:—I take pleasure in availing myself of this opportunity to address you on the subject of the Eastern Star generally called "Adoptive Rite." At Columbus, Ohio, last September I was elected Most Worthy Grand Patron, and as such address you. The session was pleasant, and harmonious; from the reports I find that the membership was increased about 100 per cent in three years. I am very anxious to have you work up a Chapter at your Lodge. For blanks, information and general instruction address Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. G. Sec'y, Chicago, Ill., who will take pleasure in giving you full particulars. If there be any objections to the order in your Lodge, please have the objecting Brother write me concerning the matter; his letter will receive prompt attention. Hoping to have a favorable reply from you at an early date.

I am Yours Fraternally,

JAMES R. DONNELL,

Most Worthy Grand Patron.

DECISIONS.

I have been called upon to answer many questions of law and usage. Most of them were answered by referring to the law already passed upon by the General Grand Chapter, the Ritual or the Constitution. I have

searched diligently for information among the adopted laws of all the Grand Chapters, for from them I could generally find the questions or similar ones, that had been passed upon and taking them as the highest authority at my command when the General Grand Chapter was silent. I have invariably followed in the line of decisions adopted by the various Grand Chapters; I will now give you my declaration of law, without giving the questions that were asked.

When my memoranda book was stolen, I lost all the decisions then rendered, as they were noted in that book and these are made from the original questions and of course are not verbatim, but are given as I remember them. I am sure there are others, that I have forgotten and have overlooked the original letter, hence the answer is not embodied in this report.

1st. Trials should be conducted, according to the rules govering trials in Blue Lodges, in the jurisdiction in which the Chapter is located, so far as they are applicable.

2d. All testimony must be in writing, and be preserved by the Secretaries in the archives of the Chapter.

3d. A lady must be eighteen years of age, before she is eligible to the degrees, even though she be married.

4th. Testimony of persons not members of a Chapter must be volunteer, and upon honor, taken at a place designated, the accused having due notice of the time and place of taking the testimony.

5th. Testimony of members of the order, must be taken in the Chapter Hall at the trial. Any member refusing to attend and testify, subjects himself or herself to charges of contempt, and suspension from the Chapter.

6th. Any immorality subjects a member to charges and he or she should be punished according to magnitude of the offense.

7th. The Chapter must hear and determine all complaints in open Chapter, and not leave it to a jury.

8th. No member can take an appeal from the action of a Grand Chapter, unless the subject matter of the same affect the Ritual of the Order, the organic law of the General Grand Chapter, the secret work, or the land marks, etc.

9th. Penalties in the Eastern Star are four: 1st. Reprimand, 2d. Definite Suspension, 3d, Indefinite Suspension, 4th. Expulsion.

10th. A Petition for membership in a Chapter cannot be withdrawn after it has been received and re erred to the committee of investigation, but it must take its regular course.

11th. One member can legally vouch for another, in Chapter Hall, only by having examined him or her in committee, appointed for that purpose, or by having sat in Chapter with him or her, and not by heresay or private examinations at any time or under any circumstances.

12th. The Worthy Matron shall be the judge of the competency of the testimony presented at a trial of a member of her Chapter, but no Matron shall preside at the trial of a member, to whom she is related by affinity or consanguinity in any degree.

13th. A Mason suspended or expelled from a Masonic Lodge for any other cause than the nonpayment of dues, stands suspended or expelled from his Eastern Chapter for the same length of time, without any action of the Chapter.

14th. The duty of an Investigating Committee is to examine into the character of the petitioner rigidly, and the Masonic relations they bear. No petition can be balloted upon until this report is made; a ballot must be had whether the report be favorable or unfavorable.

15th. A conviction by any court, federal, state or municipal, of any criminal offense, without mitigating circumstances, is ground for suspension or expulsion, owing to the nature of the crime.

16th. The ballot must be absolutely secret and had separately on each petition. All must vote.

17th. The standing of a lady in her chapter is not affected

by the action of her husband, or the action of the chapter toward him. She is only responsible for her own acts.

18th. An accused must be present at his trial, in person or by representative, but if he fails to attend or send a representative, the Worthy Matron must appoint some member of the Chapter to try the case for him.

19th. Masonic membership is not restricted to any State or Country. Membership in a Masonic Lodge in any country whose Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., is recognized by the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M., within whose jurisdiction the Chapter is located is sufficient, and gives him, his wife, etc., the same Masonic relations as though his membership was in this country, for Masonry knows no North, no South, no East, no West, but Masonry is universal and Free Masons are found in every country.

MISSES WHITWORTHS.

This is a case that has been urged upon me and has elicited my sympathy and had it not been for the plain letter of the ritual and the organic law, I would have passed on the question favorable to these young ladies. The circumstances are about as follows: Bro. Whitworth, the father of the young ladies, had taken his dimit from his lodge in the East traveled to Moscow, Idaho, and there located. Meantime he sickened and died, without affiliating with the lodge there, but he was not a wilful non-affiliate according to the masonic law of Idaho. These young ladies signed a petition for the Chapter at Moscow, but were not permitted to go in on account of their father being a non-affiliate when he died, though the masonic fraternity buried him and nursed him during his sickness. I was again asked to grant a dispensation for these young ladies under seal of the Chapter, as they would add greatly to the Moscow Chapter. Their mother is a member of the Chapter, having taken the degrees before going

to Moscow. I again declined, but agreed to submit the case to the General Grand Chapter and let you settle it. I would like very much to see these young ladies enjoying the privileges of the Chapter membership.

I now submit the matter to you for your consideration.

MINNESOTA MATTER.

The long existing Minnesota trouble has at last been fairly and satisfactorily settled. This trouble has existed for 13 years, and has been a "thorn in the flesh" of the General Grand Chapter all this time, and all efforts to settle this trouble have failed, and only tended to add fuel to the fire of difference then existing.

At the last session of the General Grand Chapter Representatives of both factions from Minnesota were knocking at the door for admittance, both claiming to represent the Grand Chapter of Minnesota. A set of compromise resolutions was adopted which we thought would sestle the trouble for all time to come; we left Columbus, congratulating ourselves as having at last fully, and satisfactorily "buried the Minnesota trouble under the broad mantle of Masonic charity. Vain congratulations, vain hope. It was not settled by any means, for as soon as the delegates from Minnesota returned home the same difference was renewed, so the Minnesota trouble would not be settled by an outsider, or satisfactorily by the General Grand Chapter, the highest tribunal for the adjudication of Eastern Star affairs.

The quarrel went on, I, as M. W. G. P. issued the proclamation as required by the compromise resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter which is in words and figurers as follows to wit:

CONWAY, ARK., August 28, 1893.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting.

The General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, held in Columbus, Ohio, September 15, 16, and 17, 1892, adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, The General Grand Chapter has withdrawn recognition from the Grand Chapter of Minnesota; and

Whereas, The representatives of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, of which Sister Mary C. Taylor, of Minneapolis, is Grand Matron, and Nathaniel A. Gearhart, of Duluth, is Grand Patron, are here knocking at the door of the General Grand Chapter with a live and healthy organization; therefore be it

Resolved, That said Grand Chapter of Minnesota be, and the same is hereby formally recognized by this Grand Body, and from this date, shall be accorded all the rights of membership allowed by the constitution and laws of the General Grand Chapter; and be it

Resolved, That all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons, now residing in the State of Minnesota, shall become members of this General Grand Chapter so soon as they shall affiliate with Chapters working under charters issued by the said Grand Chapter herein recognized; and be it further

Resolved, That the Most Worthy Grand Patron be, and is hereby instructed to officially proclaim this action to all Grand Chapters, acknowledging allegiance to this General Grand Chapter, and be it also

Resolved, That the above and foregoing shall be a final settlement of the question so far as this General Grand Chapter is concerned.

Therefore, I, James R. Donnell, Most Worthy Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, by authority of the General Grand Chapter, hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter.

Given under my hand and seal of the General Grand Chapter the day and year above written.

[SEAL.] JAMES R. DONNELL,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

Chicago, September 4, 1893.

This was but a renewal of the matter on the part of one faction, and the muddle grew worse.

Knowing that the wisest and best of the General Grand Chapter officers had failed in this matter, after having made an honest and earnest effort to settle the same, and harmonize these factions, and knowing my weakness, I stood squarely on the compromise resolution, not antagonizing the other faction, however, and saying to them "if the action of the General Grand Chapter is not satisfactory, you must settle your own affairs." My correspondence was with Bro. Gearhart, W. G. P., on one side and Sister Gary, A G. M., on the other. Both of them had their patience worn threadbare, and at several times became pretty thoroughly fretted because I would say "The General Grand Chapter has passed on your matter, and if it is not satisfactory, I will stand by it just the same and you must settle the matter if it is to be settled otherwise." Bro. Gearhart being of an untiring disposition, and full of charity, a thorough Mason in the truest sense of the word, and having the interest of the Order at heart, continued to suggest terms upon which a union could be effected, together with other Minnesota members, the names of whom I am not familiar, until at last they fell upon the plan. The terms upon which the whole matter was settled will be reported by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, I suppose, as she was present at the Union, presided, counseled and advised in the work. I claim no honor for this settlement but give it to those who worked the matter up in Minnesota, and especially Bro. Gearhart. So the long, long Minnesota muddle is at last settled and all is quite. The Eastern Star is on an upward march in this state. I verily believe that in the near future the General Grand Chapter will have in the Grand Chapter

of Minnesota a constituency that it may well feel proud of.

Let us sincerely hope that we may never have such a matter to deal with again. May the blessings of an all-wise God ever rest upon, protect and prosper the Grand Chapter of Minnesota, and may He guard and direct the doings of the General Grand Chapter so that all differences arising in any Grand Chapter, may be handled with that judgment that knows no one, in the settlement of them, except God's justice, and a Mason's charity.

After being satisfied that the matter was fully settled I, as Most Worty Grand Patron of the General Grand Chapter, on the first day of July, A. D. 1894, formally recognized the consolidation by issuing the following proclamation, to-wit:

CONWAY, ARK., July 1, 1894.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting.

Whereas, The two Grand Chapters of the State of Minnesota (formerly known as No. 1 and No. 2) did on the tenth day of May, 1894, unite and form a Grand Chapter, adopt a Constitution and elect Grand Officers; now,

Therefore, We, James R. Donnell, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, of the General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby declare the said Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota to be duly and regularly organized and we hereby proclaim the said Grand Chapter of the State of Minnesota of the Order Eastern Star fully recognized as such and as forming a Constituent part of this General Grand Chapter. Given

under our hands and the seal of the General Grand Chapter this first day of July, 1894.

[SEAL.] JAMES R. DONNELL,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MARY C. SNEDDEN,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

NOTE.—Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, Minneapolis, Grand Matron; J. D. Markham, Rush City, Grand Patron; Flora E. Moore, Minneapolis, Associate Grand Matron; Ida M. Wing, Minneapolis, Grand Secretary.

NEW GRAND CHAPTERS.

We have not been able to organize as many Grand Chapters as were organized last term, but we have several about ready to be organized viz.: Louisiana, Wyoming, Idaho, Kentucky and New Mexico; they have all been in correspondence with me on this subject, and I think they will organize soon.

The following Grand Chapters have been organized and constitutionally recognized:

CONWAY, Ark., December 21st, 1894.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

Whereas, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Pennsylvania, has organized a Grand Chapter, adopted a constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand officers, now,

Therefore, We, James R. Donnell, Most Worthy Grand patron, and Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do

and hereby declare the said Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania to be duly and regularly organized, and we hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter. Given under our hands and the seal of the General Grand Chapter this 21st day of December, 1894.

[SEAL.] JAMES R. DONNELL,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MARY C. SNEDDEN,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

NOTE—Mrs. Annette Gorman, 115 Luzerne Avenue, Pittston, Grand Matron; Phillip C. Shaffer, 1216 Market Street, Philadelphia, Grand Patron; Dr. George W. Gleason, Susquehanna, Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania was organized November 22nd, 1894.

CHICAGO, January 25th, 1895.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapers, Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

Whereas, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of North Dakota has organized a Grand Chapter, adopted a Constitution, regular and proper in its provisions, and elected Grand Officers; now,

Therefore, We, James R. Donnell, Most worth Grand Patron, and Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby declare the said Grand Chapter of North Dakota to be duly and regularly organized, and we hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of North Dakota, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of

this General Grand Chapter. Given under our hands and the seal of the General Grand Chapter this first day of July, 1894.

[SEAL.] JAMES R. DONNELL,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MARY C. SNEDDEN,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

NOTE—Mrs. Elizabeth White, Jamestown, Grand Matron; T. N. Ritchie, Valley City, Grand Patron; Mrs. Nannie R. Briggs, Mandan, Grand Secretary. The Grand Chapter of North Dakota, organized June 14, 1894.

CONWAY, Ark., August 22d, 1895.

To all Grand and Subordinate Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star—Greeting:

Whereas, A constitutional number of Chapters in the State of Rhode Island has organized a Grand Chapter, adopted a constitution regular and proper in its provisions and elected Grand Officers; now,

Therefore, We, James R. Donnell, Most Worthy Grand Patron, and Mary C. Snedden, Most Worthy Grand Matron, of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, do hereby declare the said Grand Chapter of Rhode Island to be duly and regularly organized, and we hereby proclaim the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island, Order of the Eastern Star, fully recognized as such, and as forming a constituent part of this General Grand Chapter. Given under our hands and the seal of the General Grand Chapter this 22d day of August, 1895.

[SEAL.] JAMES R. DONNELL,
Most Worthy Grand Patron.

MARY C. SNEDDEN,
Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Attest: LORRAINE J. PITKIN,
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

CHARTERS GRANTED.

Through the untiring energy of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the assistance of Deputies appointed, we have been able to organize fifty-six Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. These Chapters are partly the results of my letters and the circular letters of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary. There are others that will follow soon.

The following is a list of Chapters organized, the first of which have no dates, my memoranda having been stolen:

September, 1892—To Mrs. M. E. Biscoe, Worthy Matron; H. A. Garrett, Worthy Patron; Mrs. H. A. Garrett, Associate Matron; and twenty-five others to form a new Chapter at St. Joseph, La., to be known as St. Joseph's Chapter No. 5. Organized by R. W. Richard Lambert, New Orleans, Deputy of the M. W. G. P., for Louisiana.

October, 1892—To Mrs. Kate M. Dierkes, Worthy Matron; George W. Crouch, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Hessie Crouch, Associate Matron; and 133 others to form a new Chapter at Philadelphia, Pa., to be known as St. John's Chapter No. 4. Organized by John C. Becker, of Baltimore, as Deputy of the M. W. G. P., for that purpose.

October, 1892—To Mrs. Mary S. Herring, Worthy Matron; Andrew J. Herring, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Josephine Hanna, Associate Matron; and forty-three others to form a new chapter at Monroe, La., to be known as Louise J. McGuire's Chapter No. 6. James B. Illingsworth Monroe, Deputy of the M. W. G. P., to organize same.

January, 1893 – To Josephine Folsom, Worthy Matron; L. A. Ross, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Jennie Benedict, Associate Matron; and thirty-two others to form a new Chapter at Fargo, N. D., to be known as Mecca Chapter No. 5.

Organized by Thomas N. Ritchie, Valley City, N. D., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for N. D.

February, 1893—Mrs. Frances A. Aigeu, Worthy Matron; Fred E. Phillips, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Mary F. Phillips, Associate Matron; and 103 others to form a new Chapter at Central Falls, R. I., to be known as Queen Esther Chapter No. 2. Organized by S. Penrose Williams, Providence, R. I. Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Rhode Island.

March, 1893—Mrs. Mary Emmer Conner, Worthy Matron; Clark Rodgers, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Sarah A. Rodgers, Associate Matron, and twenty-nine others to form a new Chapter at Silver City, New Mexico, to be known as Silver City Chapter No. 3. Organized by W. S. Auble, E. Las Vagas, N. M., Deputy of M. W. G. P., for that purpose.

Feburary, 1893—To Mrs. Lou S. Chase, Worthy Matron; Almon S. Woods, Worthy Patron; Miss Helen H. Forbs, Associate Matron; and 66 others to form a new Chapter at Crafton, N. D., to be known as Mizpah, Chapter No. 6. Organized by Thomas N. Ritchie, of Valley City, N. D., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for N. D.

March, 1893—To Mrs. Amanda Williams, Worthy Matron; John B. Garrett, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Fannie Davis, Associate Matron, and thrity-three others to form a new Chapter in East Nashville, Tenn., to be known as East Nashville Chapter No. 1. Organized by John B. Garrett, of Nashville, Tenn., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

March, 1893—To Mrs. Elizabeth McGregor, Worthy Matron; Charley Dennis, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Elizabeth J. Lenoir, Associate Matron; and seventeen others to form a new Chapter at Georgetown, N. M., to be known as Georgetown, Chapter No. 4. Organized by J. J. Kelley, N. M., Deputy of the M W. G. P. for that purpose.

March, 1893—To Mrs. Carrie Faulk, Worthy Matron; John Wallace, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Alice Stephens, Associate

Matron, and fifty-one others to form a new Chapter in Boice City, Idaho, to be known as Adah Chapter No. 8. Organized by C. Stephens, of Boice City, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

March, 1893—To Mrs. Leah Townsend, Worthy Matron; J. E. S. Beck, Worthy Patron; Mrs. N. Wakefield, Associate Matron, and twenty-nine others to form a new Chapter at Florence, S. C., to be known as Gate City Chapter No. 1. Organized by J. E. S. Beck, of Florence, S. C., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

May, 1893—To Mrs. Lizzie M. Riggs, worthy Matron; Jacob F. Jaybird, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Rachel R. McKean, Associate Matron, and twenty-five others to form a new Chapter at Sanburn, N. D., to be known as Prairie Chapter No. 7. Organized by Thomas N. Ritchie, Valley City, N. D., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for N. D.

May, 1893.—To Mrs. Amelia Vansant, Worthy Matron, James F. Vansant, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Sarah E. Stamper, A. Matron and 25 others to form a New Chapter at Compton, Ky., to be known as Hanks Chapter No. 3. Organized by Joseph C. Lykins of Comton, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Ky.

June, 1893.—To Mrs. Fannie Cravens, Worthy Matron, Dr. John A. Tallbee, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Lucinda Ellen Pieratt, A. Matron and 29 others to form a new Chapter at Hazel Green, Ky. to be known as Swango Chapter No. 4. Organized by J. C. Lykins, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Ky.

July, 1893.—To Mrs. Marie L. Jackson, Worthy Matron, John C. McKee, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Lu Mahan, A. Matron and 39 others to form a new Chapter at Landon, Ky. to be known as Golden Rule Chapter No. 5. Orgauized by Joseph C. Lykins, Compton Ky. Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Kentucky.

July, 1893.—Mrs. Clara Pieratt, Worthy Matron, Asa B. Nickell, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Victoria Pieratt, A. Matron

and 40 others to form a new Chapter at Ezell, Ky., to be known as Adah Chapter No. 6. Organized by Joseph C. Lykins of Compton, Ky., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Kentucky.

September, 1893.—To Mrs. Adell Outwater, Worthy Matron, Dr. George W. Gleason, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Mary A. Strachen, A. Matron and 39 others to form a new Chapter at Susquehanna, Pa., to be known as Canawacta, Chapter No. 5. Organized by Orin T. Smith, Susquehanna, Pa., Deputy for the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

October, 1893.—To Mrs. N. C. Clark, Worthy Matron, B. T. Flowers Worthy Patron, Miss Maude V. McKenzie, A. Matron and 40 others to form a new Chapter at Palatka, Flor., to be known as Magnolia, Chapter No. 2. Organized by W. H. Hancock, Palatka, Flor., Deputy for the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

December, 1893.—To Mrs. Lillie Williams, Worthy Matron, A. C. Frost, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Eunice O. Mitchell, A. Matron and 103 others to form a new Chapter in Chattanooga, Tenn., to be known as Chattanooga, Chapter No. 2. Organized by Loren Mitchell of Chattanooga, Tenn., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

December, 1893.—To Mrs. Alice E. Roby, Worthy Matron, Edwin E. Roby, Worthy Patron, Mrs. M. E. Hamilton, A. Matron and 26 others to form a new Chapter at Morgan City, La., to be known as Alice, Chapter No. 7. Organized by Edwin E. Roby., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

December, 1893.—To Mrs. Sarah C. Cannon, Worthy Matron, George R. Keyes, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Maud R. Brown, A. Matron and 29 others to form a new Chapter at Ellendale, N. D., to be known as Adah, Chapter No. 8. Organized by James B. Root, of Ellendale, N. D., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

March 1, 1894.—To Mrs. Capitalia Wunderlick, Worthy Matron, J. P. Robinson, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Jennie

Hoop, A. Matron and 27 others to form a new Chapter at Sheriden, Wyoming, to be known as Naoma, Chapter No. 2. Organized by J. F. Hoop, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

March, 1894.—To Mrs. Emma Josephine Leonberger, Worthy Matron, George Austin, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Catherine Austin, A. Matron and 28 others to form a new Chapter at Mandan, N. D., to be known as Queen Esther Chapter No. 9. Organized by Geo. Austin., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

March, 1894.—To Mrs. Marie L. Shumway, Worthy Matron, Melvin S. Mayo, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Etta Huber, A. Matron and 25 others to form a new Chapter at Tower City, N. D., to be known as Ceres Chapter No. 10. Organized by Thos. N. Ritchie., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for N. D.

April, 1894—To Mrs. Attlissa L. Scott, Worthy Matron; Barton Wherritt, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Marguerite M. Kear, A. Matron, and 44 others to form a new Chapter at Park City, Utah, to be known as Mountain Chapter, No. 2, Organized by John C. Budds, of Salt Lake City, Utah. Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Utah.

May, 1894—To Mrs. Mary B. Wilson, Worthy Matron; W. A. Dillon, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Ida C. Beardsley, A. Matron, and 22 others to form a new Chapter at Bismarck, N. D., to be known as Bismarck Chapter No. 11. Organized by W. A. Dillon, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

May, 1894—To Miss Effie B. Ealer, Worthy Matron; Ira E. Shultz, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Georgie Shute, A. Matron, and 40 others, to form a new Chapter at Opelousas, La., to be known as Lorraine Chapter No. 8. Organized by L. E. Robinson, of Welch, La., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

May, 1894—To Mrs. Kate H. Bassett, Worthy Matron; James S. Vidal, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Annie D. Patton, A. Ma-

tron, and 38 others to form a new Chapter at Lander, Wyoming, to be known as Olivet Chapter No. 3. Organized by F. G. Burnett, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

May, 1894—To Mrs. Sarah E. Topping, Worthy Matron; Fred Ring, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Rebecca Holmes, A. Matron, and 33 others, to form a new Chapter at Grand Forks, N. D., to be known as Acacia Chapter No. 12. Organized by Fred Ring, Grand Forks, N. D., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

May, 1894—To Mrs. C. P. Pepper, Worthy Matron; E. N. Gilmore, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Mary Milligan, A. Matron, and 32 others, to form a new Chapter at Hope, N. D., to be known as Fidelity Chapter No. 13. Organized by Thos. N. Ritchie, Valley City, N. D., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for North Dakota.

June, 1894—To Miss Bettie Jessee, Worthy Matron; D. L. Willett, Worthy Patron; Miss Emma E. Duffel, A. Matron, and 31 others, to form a new Chapter at Erin, Tenn., to be known as McKinnon Chapter No. 3. Organized by D. L. Willatt, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

July, 1894—To Mrs. E. V. Dodge, Worthy Matron; James Minnox, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Eliza P. Walson, A. Matron, and 64 others, to form a new Chapter at Anacosta, Washington, D. C., to be known as Electa Chapter No. 2. Organized by W. E. Nalley, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

August, 1894—To Mrs. H. A. Hodge, Worthy Matron; H. A. Hodge, Worthy Patron; Mrs. E. F. Connon, A. Matron, and 27 others, to form a new Chapter at Marion, Ky., to be known as Marion Chapter No. 7. Organized by C. W. Noggle, of De Koven, Ky., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

September, 1894—To Mrs. Alta Butler, Worthy Matron; Frank McKee, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Julia Goss, A. Matron, and 32 others, to form a new Chapter at Albu-

querque, N. M., to be known as Adah Chapter No. 5. Organized by J. J. Kelley, of Silver City, N. M., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

October, 1894—To Mrs. Mary Carter, Worthy Matron; James G. Carter, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Susan G. Henderson, A. Matron, and 40 others, to form a new Chapter at Mt. Vernon, Ky., to be known as Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 8. Organized by James G. Carter of Mt. Vernon. Ky., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

November 12, 1894—To Mrs. Ednis J. Kimball, Worthy Matron; John McGrath, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Annah M. Calkins, A. Matron, and 56 others, to form a new Chapter at Fort Casper, Wyoming, to be known as Fort Casper Chapter No. 4. Organized by J. A. J. Stewart, of Johnston, Wyoming, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

November, 1895.—To Mrs. Bessie De Moss, Worthy Matron; Henry Barnes, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Kate J. Thomas, A. Matron, and 30 others to form a new Chapter at Dayton, Ky., to be known as Dora Chapter. N. P. Gould, Cincinnatti, Ohio, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

December 8, 1894.—To Mrs. C. E. McLarn, Worthy Matron; Rev. S. A. McMackin, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Addie Amonet A. Matron, and 21 others to form a new Chapter at Wayland Springs, Tenn., to be known as Wayland Springs Chapter No. 4. Organized by Rev. S. A. Mc Mackin, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

December, 1893.—To Miss Emmaroy A. Blanchard, Worthy Matron; Cable L. Knight, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Hannah F. Aldrich, A. Matron, and 102 others to form a new Chapter at Woonsocket, R. I. to be known as Woonsocket Chapter No. 3. Organized by S. Primrose Williams, of Providence, R. I., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for R. I.

December 30, 1894.—To Mrs. B. E. Rowe, Worthy Matron; J. E. Pollock, Worthy Patron; Mrs. C. F. Taylor A. Matron, and 39 others to form a new Chapter at Greenup,

Ky. to be know as Electa Chapter, No. 10. Organized by J. F. Pollock, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

December 15, 1894.—To Mrs. Beulah R. Stevens, Worthy Matron; James Harden, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Lassie E. Johnson, and 51 others to form a new Chapter at Bartow, Flor., to be known as Tropical Chapter No. 3. Organized by James Harden, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

January 19, 1895.—To Mrs. Sarah P. Tyrer, Worthy Matron; L. Caleb Williamson, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Harriett H. Tasker, A. Matron, and 98 others to form a new Chapter in Washington, D. C., to be known as Naoma Chapter No. 3. Organized by Fred C. Alexander, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Washington.

February 10, 1895.—To Mrs. Lizzie J. Hoxie, Worthy Matron; Elisha P. Clark, Worthy Patron; Mrs. P. Carrie Green, A. Matron, and 63 others to form a new Chapter at Hope Valley, Rhode Island, to be known as Hope Capter No. 4. Organized by S, Penrose Williams, of Providence R. I., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Rhode Island.

February 14, 1895.—To Mrs. Adel T. Piper, Worthy Matron; Isaac C. Hattabaugh, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Sallie H. Worthington, A. Matron, and 32 others to form a new Chapter at Moscow Idaho, to be known as Ruby Chapter No. 9. Organized by Charles H. Worthington, of Moscow, Idaho, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

February 18, 1895.—M. J. McKissick, Worthy Matron; George Jarbutt, Worthy Pa ron; Mrs. K. E. Howes, A. Matron, and 34 others to form a new Chapter at Wallace, Idaho, to be known as Shosshone, Chapter, No. 10. Organized by Dr. A. O. Ingalls, Murray, Idaho, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Idaho.

April 15, 1895.—To Mrs. Josie C. Northup, Worthy Matron; Edward Pike, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Lizzie E. Chase, A. Matron, and 79 o hers to forma new Chapter at Riverport,

R. I., to be known as Ruth Chapter No. 5. Organized by S. Penrose Williams, Providence R. I., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Rhode Island.

April 15, 1895.—To M. Lottie Wells, Worthy Matron, Dr. J. F. Miller, Worthy Patron; Mrs. Louise Zimmerman, and 62 others to form a new Chapter at Iverness, Flor. to be known as Iverness Chapter No. 4. Organized by Dr. J. F. Miller, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

April 15, 1895.—Mrs. Mary E. Henk, Worthy Matron; John Mason, Worthy Patron, and Sallie Seavery, A. Matron and 20 others to form a new Chapter at Brookhaven, Miss., to be known as Brookhaven Chapter No. 1. Organized by John Mason, Bogue Chitte, Miss., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

April 18, 1895.—To Mrs. P. J. Lee, Worthy Matron, J. F. Pierson, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Bell H. Slayton, A. Matron and 19 others to form a new Chapter at Coushatta, La., to be known as Harmony Chapter No. 9. Organized by J. F. Pierson, of Coushatta, La., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

May 13, 1895.—To Mrs. M. Ellen Espey, Worthy Matron, Henry P. Cook, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Viola DeShields, A. Matron, and 59 others to form a new Chapter in Washington, D. C., to be known as Martha Chapter No. 4. Organized by Ferd. G. Alexander, of Washington, D. C., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Washington, D. C.

June 6, 1895.—To Mrs. J. D. Everett, Worthy Matron, L. E. Thomas, Worthy Patron, Mrs. L. E. Thomas, A. Matron, and 26 others to form a new Chapter at Farmerville, La., to be known as Evangeline Chapter No. 10. Organized by L. E. Thomas, Deputy of the M. W. G. P., for that purpose.

June 11, 1895.—To Miss Mattie Godby, Worthy Matron, W. L. Pearis, Worthy Patron, Mrs. J. H. Allen, A. Matron, and 30 others to form a new Chapter at Middleburg, Ky., to be known as Ithiel Chapter No. 11. Organized by

John August Williams of Harrodsburg, Deputy of the M. W. G. P., for that purpose.

June 17, 1895.—To Mrs. N. M. Gibson, Worthy Matron, D. J. Gibson, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Tilitha Anderson, A. Matron, and 26 others to form a new Chapter at Corona, Ala., to be known as Corona Chapter No. 2. Organized by Thos. J. White, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

June 17, 1895.—To Mrs. M. E. Garritt, Worthy Matron, J. S. Smart, Worthy Patron, Mrs. M. M. Dougherty, A. Matron, and 22 others to form a new Chapter at Logansport, La., to be known as DeSoto Chapter No. 11. Organized by Dr. C. E. Hines, of W. Monroe, La., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Louisiana.

May —, 1895.—To Mrs. M. Megenhardt, Worthy Matron, R. M. Coombs, Worthy Patron, Mrs. F. P. Pray, A. Matron, and 39 others to form a new Chapter at Baltimore, Md., to be known as Maryland Chapter No. 3. Organized by John E. Becker, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for Maryland.

July 18, 1895.—To Mrs. A. C. Allen, Worthy Matron, E. Wailes, Worthy Patron, T. D. Stewart, A. Matron, and 30 others to form a new Chapter at Franklin, La., to be known as Electa Chapter No. 12. Organized by Edwin E. Roby, Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

July 24, 1895.—To Mrs. Florence Hoyet, Worthy Matron, Thos. H. Moore, Worthy Patron, Miss Mamie Hanson, A. Matron, and 34 others to form a new Chapter at Sundance, Wy., to be known as Electa Chapter No. 5. Organized by Alfred J. Poznansky, P. G. P. of S. D. A., Deputy of the M. W. G. P. for that purpose.

August 23, 1895.—To Mrs. May Preston, Worthy Matron, Walter C. Kent, Worthy Patron, Mrs. Mary Mason, Ellis, A. Matron, and 31 others to form a new Chapter at Kentwood, La., to be known as Good-Intent Chapter No. 13. Organized by C. T. Hines, as Deputy of the M. G. G. P., for that purpose.

THANKS.

I desire to emphasize my appreciation to you for having honored me so highly; and that beyond my merit. I freely confess my weakness in the discharge of so high and important duties as are imposed upon the Most Worthy Grand Patron, but they have been greatly lightened by co-operation, and the untiring effort of my associate officers who have so generously aided me in the discharge of my duties. To one and all, I desire to return my sincere thanks for making my term of office a most pleasant one.

The fraternal associations and new acquaintances made, and the sweet anticipations of nearer and dearer ties that make our future brighter and better, is ample compensation for labor rendered.

Again thanking you all from the depth of my soul, for the courteous and cordial support given me, and assuring you that this feeble expression does not in the slightest manner express my high appreciation for your support and assistance given me in the discharge of the duties of my office.

M. W. G. M. AND R. W. G. S.

SPECIAL APPRECIATIONS.

To Sisters Snedden and Pitkin, I hereby extend my warmest thanks for advice and counsel. A request for information has never found them too tired, too unconcerned, or too busy to give it prompt attention, and to render the aid and advice called for; without which I would have found the duties that I have so earnestly endeavored to discharge, a very laborous task.

"They have been weighed in the balance, but not found wanting, when called upon to do the work, or any service for our noble and beautiful Order. May the choicest blessings of Heaven rest upon them, may their declining years be peaceful

and happy ones, and may they be cheered by the sweet reflections that they were loved while living, and their names and memories will be cherished by all members of the Eastern Star throughout the annals of Eastern Star history. Too much praise cannot be given these two heroines of the Eastern Star, especially Sister Pitkin, who has done more for its advancement that any one else now living, and may be properly termed "The Cedar Bird of the Order." Sister Snedden said to me that she did not know what "The Cedar Bird" means. It means, when applied to the Order, one who has fought its battles, has fostered, guarded and protected it from its incipiency and may be depended on to do so in the future.

CONCLUSION.

Sisters and Brothers:—I have now submitted to you for your consideration, an account of my stewardship in an official capacity.

I sincerely wish, that you would pass on it, in the light of my intention, and if errors have been made I will ask you to draw the broad mantle of Masonic charity around them and give them the kind sympathy and fraternal support, which you have so generously accorded me during my official term, and may the same spirit characterize you while correcting them, that has followed me through the last three years.

My administration may not compare favorably with that of my illustrious predecessors, but I return your jewel which you confided to me three years ago, without a single conscious taint, and shall be happy indeed, if it shall be found that the Order will pass into the hands of my successor, if not greatly advanced, at least in as good and as prosperous condition as it passed out of the hands of my immediate predecessor.

I now ask permission at this time, to return the most profound gratitude of my heart for the exalted honor you placed upon me at our last session of the General Grand Chapter.

It is a solemn thing to say "good bye," but we must say it on this occasion. I do not want it to apply to anything ex-

cept to the position of Most Worthy Grand Patron. I believe that the future for our Order is bright and hopeful, but we need more enthusiasm and genuine interest to be exercised by our Masonic brotherhood in promulgating and advancing its interests. I know full well that the affairs of the General Grand Chapter will soon pass into able hands, who will carry on the work without letting it relax, and I do hope that the Masonic brotherhood throughout the United States at least, will assist them in spreading the good tidings of great joy.

May the time approach when there will be an Eastern Star Chapter in every Masonic hall.

May the all-wise God crown with success the deliberation of this convention, and our effort to elevate the human race and promote its social and mental happiness. And may He lead us by the tender cord of His undying love "By the still waters" across "The Chilly Jordan of Death" and make us to "Rest under the shades of the trees". And when the Arch Angel shall sound the trumpet in the last day, that shall awake the countless millions, and announce that time shall be no more, and all are arranged before the Eternal Judgment of God, may we all receive that welcome plaudit "Well done, good and faithful servant, thou hast been faithful over a few things. I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joys of thy Lord."

JAMES R. DONNELL.
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
General Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star.

The Addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron were referred to the Committee on Distribution.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Secretary then submitted her report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means upon motion of T. R. Ercanbrack.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

SISTERS AND BROTHERS:—I come to you a second time to render an account of the stewardship you so generously bestowed upon me for a brief season, and with a deep sense of the confidence expressed by the action of this body in the past, I submit the following statement of receipts and disbursements from the 15th of August, 1892, to the 15th of July, 1895, inclusive:

RECEIPTS.

Petition for Degrees and Affiliation	$ 262.06
Petitions for Dispensations	35.32
Music Books	60.85
Dimits	47.90
Rituals	7,211.73
Odes	185.36
Signets	1,020.28
Blank Charters	134.37
Funeral Ceremonies	5.50
Rules, Regulations and By-Laws	70.15
Dues Subordinate to Grand Chapters	1,791.72
Report Blanks	146.85
Receipts for Dues	270.79
Notices for Dues	89.34
Warrants on Treasury	169.36
Summonses	24.20
Treasurer's Receipts	150.33
Representative Appointment Blanks	85.20
Dispensation Blanks	35.39
Charter Fees	1,120.00

Miscellaneous Supplies	$ 8.40
Surrendered Paraphernalia	17.80
Badges	4.60
R. W. Grand Treasurer World's Fair	500.00
On hand August 15th, 1892	5,455.21
Total Receipts	$18,752.71

DISBURSEMENTS.

Petitions for Degrees and Affiliation	$ 85.00	
Music	72.00	
Dimits	13.25	
Odes	50.00	
Signets	714.65	
Charter Blanks	110.00	
Rules, Regulations and By-Laws	114.00	
Blank Reports	50.00	
Receipts for Dues	60.75	
Warrants on Treasury	52.97	
Treasurer's Receipts	48.80	
Notices for Dues	18.75	
Summonses	13.00	
Representative Appointment Blanks	35.00	
Rituals	1,882.85	
Music Stationery and Printing	2,488.46	
Total		$ 5,809.48
Electrotypes		$ 16.77
Postage and Express		1,391.42
Salary and General Grand Chapter Appropriations		2,608.38
Traveling Expenses and Mileage		1,128.35
Office Fixtures and Rent		479.87
Insurance		18.75
Charter Fees		210.00
Donation, World's Fair		250.00
Surrendered Paraphernalia		14 50
Total Expenditures		$11,927.52

STOCK ON HAND.

113 Rituals, gilt	$ 56.50
4424 Rituals, cloth	554.65
2603 Odes	13.01

679	Music Books	48.88
1000	Dimits	2.65
7622	Petitions for Degrees and Affiliation	16.95
7800	Summonses	10.14
800	Charters, 14x17	16.00
56	Charters, 18x24, three colors	1.75
905	Charters, 18x24, Bond	100.00
200	Dispensations	2.15
225	Petitions for Dispensations	1.75
206	Receipts for Dues	22.66
134	Warrants on Treasury	14.74
138	Treasurer's Receipts	15.18
3993	Report Blanks	39.93
774	Funeral Ceremonies	8.60
1553	Representative Appointment Blanks	82.08
298	Signets, Mounted	80.46
63	Signets, Unmounted	7.25
36	Badges	7.20
	Office Furniture	267.30
	Ritual Plates	472.27
	First and Third Session Proceedings	85.00
	Second Session Proceedings	67.00
	Fourth Session Proceedings	126.00
	Fifth Session Proceedings	135.00
	Sixth Session Proceedings	130.00
	Seventh Session Proceedings	324 00
	Miscellaneous Consumable Matter Proceedings, Bound	108.00
	Total	$2,817.10

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE.

Grand Chapter California	$ 53.80
Grand Chapter Colorado	1.65
Grand Chapter Iowa	211.41
Grand Chapter Missouri	18.00
Grand Chapter Nebraska	21.23
Grand Chapter Ohio	28.55
Grand Chapter North Dakota	17.00
Grand Chapter Oregon	11.25
Grand Chapter Montana	62.57
Grand Chapter New Jersey	10.00
Grand Chapter Vermont	1.00

Silver City Chapter, New Mexico	.25
Nashville Chapter, Tennessee	2.25
Swango Chapter, Kentucky	14.00
Magnolia Chapter, Florida	2.00
Marion Chapter, Kentucky	9.00
Ruby Chapter, Idaho	.30
Maryland Chapter, Maryland	1.50
Mountain Gem Chapter, Idaho	.50
Seymour Chapter, Iowa	1.45
Miriam Chapter, Colorado	9.88
Rising Sun Chapter, Illinois	.75
Wahpeton Chapter, North Dakota	.50
Fort Worth Chapter, Texas	6.75
J. C. Lykins	5.40
D. E. Pennick	1.50
J. B. Babbington	1.50
Mrs. E. J. Smith	.50
G. H. Gilmore	1.50
A. B. Hoyt	1.00
Mrs. C. G. Davis	.75
Lovina Whitney	1.50
	$499.24

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE.

De Soto Chapter, Louisiana	.50
Total	$498.74

ASSETS.

Merchandise on hand	$ 2,817.10
Due from Grand Chapters and others	498.74
Cash on hand	6,925.19
Total Assets	$10,241.03

Of the accounts receivable on the 15th of July, 1895, Marion Chapter, Kentucky, Seymour Chapter, Iowa, and the Grand Chapters of Nebraska and Iowa have paid their indebtedness. The only account of no value is that of Fort Worth Chapter Texas, it being out of existence previous to 1889. Of the expenses over two thousand dollars ($2,000) was ordered out of the

Treasury for mileage and appropriations at the last session of the General Grand Chapter, and nearly three thousand dollars ($3,000) remain as merchandise on hand.

All moneys have been forwarded to the R. W. Grand Treasurer, and as it was more convenient to pay bills by check than orders, I have adopted that plan more generally the past term to save time and expense, except the large bills; this makes a "Contingent Expense Account" necessary. Traveling, postage, and the incidental expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, has been paid through this account.

SIGNET.

After the close of the last Session, the only matter that gave us anxiety was the way this Grand Body left the "Signet" question. The General Grand Chapter decided that the Signet which had been in use since 1879 was not its property, but also decided that one should be furnished with each new Charter isssued.

Mr. Engle wrote me under date of October 31st, 1893, "that he was advised by those well versed in patent law, that it would not be possible to get up a Signet that would conform to the lectures, without infringing his Copyright." He also assured me that he would protect his interest even to the extent of a law suit.

I had been made the Financial Agent to buy such supplies as the General Grand Chapter decided should be kept as a revenue to its Treasury, and while I was convinced that I had the legal right to print a Signet, I preferred to consult with the officers in authority, and after considering every interest, it was decided that the best and wisest way out of the difficulty was

to purchase the copyright, which was done at an expense of four hundred dollars ($400.00.) The transfer was made in January, 1893.

We have furnished the Signet to Grand Chapters at the same rate of discount as has controlled the sale of Rituals, reserving the right to fill all orders that come direct to the office of the R. W. Grand Secretary.

The Signets sold, should have brought several hundred dollars more than the amount reported, but the discount was distributed to the Treasury of the several Grand Chapters, and all dealers were charged full price.

I have tried to persuade Grand Secretaries in an honorable manner, to purchase such supplies of the R. W. Grand Secretary as yield a revenue to the Treasury of this Grand Body, giving a discount of 25 per cent when supplies were ordered in reasonable quantities.

RITUALS.

Rituals on hand August 15th, 1892	3,838
Rituals purchased since	15,000
Rituals old received	431
Total number to be accounted for	19,269
Rituals sold	14,301
Old Rituals destroyed	431
Rituals on hand	4,537
Total accounted for	19,269

Imagine if you can, sending out 95,000 supplies in packages from one to twelve. Few of the smaller ones were sent in lots of one hundred, some Grand Secretaries Order Rituals in lots of fifty, but unless the State adjoins Illinois, they must be put up in packages of four pounds or less in order to get the special rates.

The greatest number of packages sent out in one day was sixty.

Golden Rule Chapter, No. 5, Rocky Bar, Idaho, was located in a mining town and the members became scattered, leaving less than a quorum. Upon the payment of two years' dues and a request from those interested, dimits were issued to the following named persons:

Mrs. Jeanette Fletcher, George W. Fletcher, J. M. Cowan, Mrs. Julia M. Smith, Mrs. Ida B. Payne, Mrs. Mary Wickersham, Miss Mabel L. Payne, George S. Golden, Mrs. Laura Golden, Mrs. E. J. Stevens and Mr. J. P. Martin.

May 13th, 1893, I received a request from Mr. Alexander Gardner, Past Grand Patron of Ontario, who was a member of Queen Esther Chapter of Toronto, for a dimit, and as that Chapter had surrendered its papers to this body the same was issued.

Before the close of 1892 the Proceedings of the last Session of the General Grand Chapter were printed and circulated, and as the Proceedings of former Sessions became exhausted, reprints were issued under authority.

The "Shadows" of the Past Most Worthy Grand Matrons and Patrons were ordered embodied in the Proceedings, and very fortunately "all are present," except Brothers Lamb and Gaskill, who had previously appeared. I should have added the present Most Worthy Grand Matron and Patron without consulting them, and thus made the chain complete, connecting the past with the present. In this case *only* did I feel that I would have been justified in disobedience.

NEVADA.

April 30th, 1894, jurisdiction over the three Chapters in Nevada was released, as per resolution of the

General Grand Chapter adopted in September, 1892, the Grand Chapter of California and the several Chapters in Nevada having complied with the spirit of the resolution.

I have received over 11,000 letters, many of them requiring two replies; have sent out annual Price Lists, and last fall a circular giving general information regarding the extent of the Order and the manner of organizing an Eastern Star Chapter was mailed to every Lodge this side of the Atlantic where no Grand Chapter held jurisdiction. This has brought many letters requesting "more light," and quite a number of Chapters have been organized through this influence.

I would recommend that the Dues of the following Chapters be remitted for the years mentioned:

Mecca Chapter, No. 5, Fargo, North Dakota, for 1893.

Gate City Chapter, No, 1, Florence, South Carolina, for 1893.

Charity Chapter, No. 1, Burleson, Alabama, for 1891–92–94.

These Chapters have made the above request, and I trust their prayers may be granted by this Grand Body.

Conventions were called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, attested by the R. W. Grand Secretary, by request of the Chapters in North Dakota and Pennsylvania. Grand Chapters duly organized at Valley City, North Dakota, June 14th, 1894, and at Scranton, Pennsylvania, November 22d, 1894. Since this report was written a call has been made, and a Grand Chapter organized in Rhode Island, August 22d, 1895,

Fifty-six Charters have been granted during the past term, which are reported by the M. W. Grand Patron.

SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER, WITH NUMBER OF CHAPTERS, MEMBERSHIP AND AMOUNT OF DUES PAID.

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter No. 1, Burleson—
Charter granted March 31, 1991.

Dues unpaid, 1892	----	
Dues paid, 1893	$ 7.25	
Dues unpaid, 1894	----—	$ 7.25

29 Members, 1893.

Corona Chapter No. 2—
Charter granted June 30, 1895.
26 Members.

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescott—
Charter granted February 6, 1882.

Dues paid, 1892	11.50	
Dues paid, 1893	10.75	
Dues paid, 1894	11.75—	34.00

47 Members, 1894.

FLORIDA.

Electa Chapter No. 1, Green Cove Springs—
Charter granted December 24, 1889.

Dues paid, 1892	5.50	
Dues unpaid, 1893	----	
Dues paid, 1894	3.00—	8.50

12 Members.

Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka—
Charter granted October 23, 1883.

Dues paid, 1893	3.75	
Dues paid, 1894	18.50—	22.25

74 Members, 1894.

Tropical Chapter No. 3, Barton—
Charter granted December 18, 1894.
51 Members.

Iverness Chapter No. 4, Iverness—
Charter granted April 12, 1895.
62 Members.

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter No. 1, Lithonia—
Charter granted September 21, 1891.

Dues paid, 1892	8.75	
Dues unpaid, 1893	----	
Dues unpaid, 1894	----—	8.75

35 Members, 1892.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Trion Factory—
Charter granted March 10, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	15.20	
Dues paid, 1893	20.00	
Dues paid, 1894	18.25—	53.45

78 Members, 1894.

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City—
Charter granted March 18, 1886.

Dues paid, 1892	12.75	
Dues paid, 1893	12.75	
Dues unpaid, 1894	----—	25.50

51 Members, 1893.

Ruth Chapter No. 3, Poctello—
Charter granted August 16, 1888.

Dues paid, 1892	17.50	
Dues paid, 1893	12.00	
Dues paid, 1894	12.50—	42.00

50 Members, 1894.

Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion—
Charter granted April 25, 1890.

Dues paid, 1892	9.75	
Dues paid, 1893	9.50	
Dues paid, 1894	10.75—	30.00

43 Members, 1894.

Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City—
Charter granted December 29, 1891.

Dues paid, 1892	8.75	
Dues paid, 1893	10.00	
Dues paid, 1894	10.75—	29.50

43 Members, 1894.

Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston—
Charter granted June 26, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	10.00	
Dues paid, 1893	12.50	
Dues paid, 1894	17.50—	40.00

70 Members, 1894.

Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City—
Charter granted March 28, 1893.

Dues paid, 1893	11.45	
Dues paid, 1894	20.25—	31.70

81 Members, 1894.

Ruby Chapter No. 9, Moscow—
Charter granted February 22, 1895.
32 Members.

Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace—
Charter granted February 22, 1895.
34 Members.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, Rocky Bar—
Charter granted May 20, 1890.
11 Members Dimitted 5.50

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter No. 2, De Koven—
Charter granted June 14, 1889.

Dues paid, 1892	$16.75	
Dues paid, 1893	16.00	
Dues paid, 1894	9.75—	42.50

39 Members, 1894.

Hanks Chapter No. 3, Campton—
Charter granted May 30, 1893.

Dues paid, 1893	7.50	
Dues paid, 1894	10.00—	17.50

40 Members, 1894.

Swango Chapter No. 4, Hazel Green—
Charter granted June 17, 1893.

Dues paid, 1893	$ 4.25	
Dues paid, 1894	8.25—	12.50

32 Members, 1894.

Adah Chapter No. 6, Ezel—
Charter granted July 28, 1893.
Dues unpaid, 1893 ---- ----
Dues unpaid, 1894 ---- ----
40 Members, 1893.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, London—
Charter granted July 24, 1893.
Dues paid, 1893 ---- 1.75— 1.75
Dues unpaid, 1894 ---- ----
28 Members, 1893.

Marion Chapter No. 7, Marion—
Charter granted August 3, 1894.
Dues paid, 1894 ---- ---- 6.00
48 Members, 1894.

Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 8, Mt. Vernon—
Charter granted October 22, 1894.
Dues unpaid, 1894 ---- ----
40 Members.

Dora Chapter No. 9, Dayton—
Charter granted November 16, 1894.
Dues unpaid, 1894 ---- ----
30 Members.

Electa Chapter No. 10, Greenup—
Charter granted January 17, 1895.
39 Members.

Ithiel Chapter No. 11, Middleburg—
Charter granted June 12, 1895.
30 Members.

LOUISIANA.

Rebecca Chapter No. 2, Welsh—
Charter granted June 30, 1890.
Dues paid, 1892 ---- $ 7.00
Dues paid, 1893 ---- 6.25
Dues paid, 1894 ---- 9.50—$ 22 75
38 Members, 1894.

Robertsville Chapter No. 3, Robertsville—
Charter granted October 13, 1891.
Dues paid, 1892 ---- 9.50
Dues unpaid, 1893 ---- ----
Dues unpaid, 1894 ---- ----
38 Members 1892.

Mount Carmel Chapter No. 4, Mount Carmel—
Charter granted October 20, 1891.

Dues paid, 1892	----	9.75
Dues unpaid, 1893	----	
Dues unpaid, 1894	----	

39 members, 1892.

St. Joseph Chapter No. 5, St. Joseph—
Charter granted September 12, 1892.

Dues unpaid, 1892	----	
Dues unpaid, 1893	----	
Dues unpaid, 1894	----	

25 Members, 1892.

Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 6, Monroe—
Charter granted October 15, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	2.30	
Dues paid, 1893	13.00	
Dues paid, 1894	19.00—	34.30

76 Members, 1894.

Alice Chapter No. 7, Morgan City—
Charter granted December 18, 1893.

Dues paid, 1894	----	7.50

30 Members, 1894.

Lorraine Chapter No. 8, Opelousas —
Charter granted May 7, 1894

Dues paid, 1894	----	6.00

48 Members.

Harmony Chapter No 9, Coushatta —
Charter granted April 18, 1895.
19 Members.

Evangeline Chapter No. 10, Farmerville—
Charter granted June 11, 1895.
26 Members.

De Soto Chapter No. 11, Logansport..
Charter granted May 31, 1895.
22 Members.

Electa Chapter No. 12, Franklin—
Charter granted July 22, 1895.
34 Members.

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Baltimore—
Charter granted April 26, 1880.

Dues paid, 1892	17.50	
Dues paid, 1893	19.50	
Dues paid, 1894	19.75—	56.75

79 Members, 1894.

Maryland Chapter No. 2, Baltimore—
Charter granted May 20, 1895.
30 Members.

MISSISSIPPI.

Brookhaven Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven—
Charter granted April 30, 1895.
30 Members.

NEVADA.

Electa Chapter No. 2, Austin—
Charter granted August 2, 1882.

Dues paid, 1892	5.50	
Dues paid, 1893	4.50	
Dues paid, 1994	1.50 –	11.50

18 Members.

Esther Chapter No. 3, Corson—
Charter granted February 1, 1886.

Dues paid, 1892	17.50	
Dues paid, 1893	21.00	
Dues paid, 1894	7.00—	45.50

84 Members.

Adah Chapter No. 4, Rono—
Charter granted March 31, 1886.

Dues paid, 1892	14.00	
Dues paid, 1893	13.00	
Dues paid, 1894	4.10—	31.10

49 Members.

MAINE.

Queen Esther Chapter.

Dues paid, 1892	16.00

Adah Chapter.

Dues paid, 1892	15.25

Golden Rod Chapter.		
Dues paid, 1892	48.00	
Pioneer Chapter.		
Dues paid, 1892	3.69	
John Hunt Chapter.		
Dues paid, 1892	16.00	
Mount Moriah Chapter.		
Dues paid, 1892	9.50	
Beulah Chapter.		
Dues paid, 1892	15.50	
Mizpah Chapter.		
Dues paid, 1892	23.50	
Pleades Chapter.		
Dues paid, 1892	13.00—	160.44

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton—		
Charter granted November 5, 1888.		
Dues paid, 1892	$ 9.50	
Dues paid, 1893	13.00	
Dues paid, 1894	13.00—	$35.50
52 members 1894.		
Ransford Chapter No. 2, Las Vegas—		
Charter granted July 29, 1891.		
Dues paid, 1892	17.75	
Dues paid, 1893	21.75	
Dues paid, 1894	21 75—	61.25
87 members 1894.		
Silver City Chapter No. 3, Silver City—		
Charter granted February 10, 1893.		
Dues paid, 1893	$13.25	
Dues paid, 1894	16.00—	29.25
64 members, 1894.		
Georgetown Chapter No. 4, Georgetown—		
Charter granted March 10, 1893.		
Dues paid, 1893	5.50	
Dues paid, 1894	6.00—	11.50
24 Members, 1894.		
Adah Chapter No. 5, Albuquerque—		
Charter granted September 22, 1894.		
Dues paid, 1894	----	3.00
47 Members.		

NORTH CAROLINA.

Centre Grove Chapter No. 1, Centre Grove—
Charter granted July 30, 1890.

Dues unpaid, 1892	----	
Dues unpaid, 1893	----	
Dues unpaid, 1894	----	

27 members.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Lady Washington Chapter No. 1, Jamestown—
Charter granted September 7, 1887.

Dues paid, 1892	$15.75	
Dues paid, 1893	19.75	
Dues paid, 1894	10.65—	$46.15

85 Members, 1894.

Logan Chapter No. 2, Oakes—
Charter granted February 15, 1890.

Dues paid, 1892	5.75	
Dues paid, 1893	5.75	
Dues paid, 1894	3.00—	14.50

24 Members, 1894.

Wapeton Chapter No. 3, Wapeton—
Charter granted December 23, 1890.

Dues paid, 1892	7.00	
Dues paid, 1893	7.25	
Dues paid, 1894	3.88—	18.13

21 Members, 1894.

Woodbine Chapter No. 4, Valley City—
Charter granted February 19, 1891.

Dues paid, 1892	20.50	
Dues paid, 1893	20.00	
Dues paid, 1894	10.62—	51 12

85 Members, 1894.

Mecca Chapter No. 5, Fargo—
Charter granted February 2, 1893.

Dues unpaid, 1893	----	
Dues paid,, 1894	----	7.38

59 Members, 1894.

Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Grafton—
Charter granted February 21, 1893
Dues paid, 1893 ..... 18.50
Dues paid, 1894 ..... 9.63— 28.13
77 Members, 1894.

Prairie Chapter No. 7, Sanburn—
Charter granted May 30, 1893.
Dues paid, 1893 ..... 4.50
Dues paid, 1894 ..... 3 63— 8.13
29 Members, 1894.

Adah Chapter No. 8, Ellendale—
Charter granted December 21, 1893.
Dues paid, 1894 ..... ---- 5.50
44 Members, 1894.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 9, Mandan—
Charter granted March 7, 1894.
Dues paid, 1894 ..... ---- 4.50
36 Members, 1894.

Ceres Chapter No. 10, Tower City—
Charter granted March 23, 1894.
Dues paid, 1894 ..... 1.50
24 Members, 1894.

Bismarck Chapter No. 11, Bismarck—
Charter granted May 7, 1894.
Dues paid, 1894 ..... 1.44
23 Members.

Acacia Chapter No. 12, Grand Forks—
Charter granted May 3, 1894.
Dues paid, 1894 ..... 2.00
32 Members.

Fidelity Chapter No. 13, Hope—
Charter granted May 7, 1894.
Dues paid, 1894 ..... 1.94
31 Members.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Wyoming Chapter No. 1, Pittston—
Charter granted February 3, 1888.
Dues paid, 1892 ..... 28.00
Dues unpaid, 1893 ..... ----
Dues paid, 1894 ..... 26.00— 54.00
104 Members, 1894.

Keystone Chapter No. 2, Duke Center—
Charter granted April 6, 1888.

Dues paid, 1892	12.25	
Dues paid, 1893	9.15	
Dues paid, 1894	10.75—	32.15

43 Members, 1894.

Martha Washington Chapter No. 3, Scranton—
Charter granted March 10, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	17.04	
Dues paid, 1893	30.75	
Dues paid, 1894	37.50—	85.29

150 Members, 1894.

St. John's Chapter No. 4, Philadelphia—
Charter granted October 26, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	3.67	
Dues paid, 1893	20.00	
Dues paid, 1894	21.50—	45.17

86 Members, 1894.

Canawacta Chapter No. 5, Susquehanna—
Charter granted November 7, 1893.

Dues paid, 1893	2.15	
Dues paid, 1894	13.50—	15.65

54 Members, 1894.

RHODE ISLAND.

Providence Chapter No. 1, Providence—
Charter granted Decemher 30, 1890.

Dues paid, 1892	36.25	
Dues paid, 1893	36.50	
Dues paid, 1894	40.75—	113.50

163 Members, 1894.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Central Falls—
Charter granted February 2, 1893.

Dues paid, 1893	26.25	
Dues unpaid, 1894	----—	26.25

105 Members, 1894.

Woonsocket Chapter No. 3, Woonsocket—
Charter granted December 28, 1894.

102 Members.

Hope Chapter No. 4, Hope Valley—
Charter granted February 14, 1895.

63 Members.

Ruth Chapter No. 5, Riverpoint—
Charter granted April 6, 1895.
79 Members.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City—
Charter granted June 6, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	8.88	
Dues paid, 1893	25.00	
Dues paid, 1894	26.75—	60.63

107 Members, 1894.

Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City—
Charter granted April 21, 1894.

Dues paid, 1894		11.10

59 Members.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling—
Charter granted April 20, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	7.13	
Dues paid, 1893	11.75	
Dues paid, 1894	12.75—	31.63

51 Members, 1894.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gate City Chapter No. 1, Florence—
Charter granted March 31, 1893.

Dues unpaid, 1893	----	
Dues paid, 1894	----	6.00

24 Members, 1894.

TENNESSEE.

East Nashville Chapter No. 1, Nashville—
Charter granted March 6, 1893.
33 Members.

Chattanooga Chapter No. 2, Chattanooga—
Charter granted December 5, 1893.

Dues paid, 1894	----	16.00

64 Members, 1894.

McKinnon Chapter No. 3, McKinnon—
Charter granted June 18, 1894.

Dues unpaid, 1894	----	

31 Members.

Wayland Springs Chapter No. 4, Wayland Springs—
Charter Granted Decemb. r 15, 1894.
21 Members.

WYOMING.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Laramie—
Charter granted August 5 1880.

Dues paid, 1892	8.00	
Dues paid, 1893	10.00	
Dues paid, 1894	12.75—	30.75

51 Members, 1894.

Naomi Chapter No. 2, Sheridan—
Charter granted March 3, 1894.

Dues paid, 1894	----	6.40

34 Members.

Olivet Chapter No. 3, Lander—
Charter granted May 14, 1894.

Dues paid, 1894		4.00

32 Members.

Fort Casper Chapter No. 4, Casper—
Charter granted November 16, 1894.

Dues paid, 1894		3.50

95 Members.

* Electa Chapter No. 5, Sundance—
Charter granted July 22, 1895.
34 Members.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Ruth Chapter No. 1, Brightwood—
Charter granted July 16, 1892.

Dues paid, 1892	12.50	
Dues paid, 1893	36.37	
Dues paid, 1894	43.75—	92.62

175 Members, 1884.

Electa Chapter No. 2, Anacostia—
Charter granted July 12, 1894.

Dues paid, 1894		10.62

85 Members.

*) This Chapter was organized July 22d, 1895, and reported by the M. W. Grand Patron, hence we have carried it into our report in making up the membership.

Naomi Chapter No. 3—
Charter granted January 25, 1895.
98 Members.

Martha Chapter No. 4—
Charter granted May 22, 1895.
57 Members.

Miscellaneous		1.80
90 Chapters. 4,746 Members. Total Dues		$1,791.72
Number of Chapters September 17th, 1892	34	
Number of Chapters organized since that date and previous to July 30th, 1895	56—90	
Number of Chapters raleased by the organization of the following Grand Chapters:		
Grand Chapter of North Dakota, June 14th, 1894	13	
Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, November 22d, 1894	5	
Chapters in Nevada released to the jurisdiction of California April 30th, 1894	3	
Charter surrendered October 30th, 1893	1—22	
Total Remaining	68	
68 Chapters. Total Membership under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter	3,577	
13 Chapters released in North Dakota	570	
5 Chapters released in Pennsylvania	437	
3 Chapters released in Nevada	151	
1 Chapter surrendered October 30th, 1893. Members demitted	11	
90 Chapters. Membership	4,746	
Total number of members under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter from August 15th, 1892, to July 15th, 1895	4.746	
Total number of members released	1,169	
Total demitted	11	
Sixty-eight Chapters, with a total membership, July 15th, 1895	3,577	
68 Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, with a membership of	3,577	
1767 Chapters in the 24 Grand Chapters who are constituent members of the General Grand Chapter	97.600	
188 Chapters in the States of New Jersey, New York, Conneeticut and Vermont	9,458	
2023 Chapters, with a total membership of	110,635	

California, Colorado, Oregon, Washington, Texas and Wisconsin reports from March, 1895.

Connecticut and Indiana to April, 1895.

Minnesota, New Jersey and Kansas to May, 1895.

Indian Territory to August, 1894.

Missouri to October, 1894.

Nebraska, New Hampshire, New York and Vermont to June, 1894.

South Dakota to June, 1895.

Pennsylvania to November, 1894.

Arkansas, Illinois, Iowa, Michigan, Maine, North Dakota and Ohio to July, 1895.

The above figures are taken from the official reports of the Grand Secretaries, but you will notice that I have only a few States to the date of closing this report.

I firmly believe that the actual membership on the 15th of July, 1895, will reach 120,000 members.

NORTH DAKOTA.

June 14th, 1894, the representatives of the several Chapters in North Dakota, met in Convention at Valley City to organize a Grand Chapter. Through the courtesy of those present, it was my pleasure to preside during the organization. Thomas N. Ritchie a zealous and earnest worker, who had rendered valuable service as Deputy of the M. W. Grand Patron in extending the Order, was wise in the selection of the time and place for holding this meeting.

The "Grand Masonic Bodies," were in Annual Session during the week, and each vied with the other in extending every kindness to all who had gathered in the interest of the "Eastern Star."

The very atmosphere was permeated with enthusiasm, and the representatives of the "Masonic

Bodies," throughout that Northern Jurisdiction, seemed to cover us with an "Arch of Steel," as we completed our labors—and surely the "Order of the Eastern Star," in that far away State must be founded upon a "Rock," when such "Ancient Builders" assist in placing the foundation stone.

WORLD'S FAIR.

I reported to this body at its last session, that space had been applied for, to represent the "Order of the Eastern Star, its origin, progress and development," at the "World's Columbian Exposition," that was to open May 1st, 1893, in Chicago.

February 18th, 1893, I was formally notified by Mrs. Susan G. Cook, Secretary of the Board of Lady Managers, that space had been alloted the "Order of the Eastern Star," in the "Organization Room," of the Woman's Building.

I then realized that no provision had been made to meet the expense, and the emergency was upon me. What was done at all, must be done at once, and if the duty was assumed, it must be of a personal nature. Letters poured in upon me daily, making iuquiries about "our place at the Fair."

"I did not hesitate (much to my present surprise), but informed Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, M. W. Grand Matron, that our request had been granted, and asked her how far she would, as the executive officer of this body assist me in "keeping open house" at the Exposition. If she would approve of a plan to appeal to the Chapters throughout the several jurisdictions to aid me by contributions.

She responded at once, giving me her hearty co-operation, and we were endorsed by the M. W. Grand Patron, James R. Donnell.

I made the appeal, and received many expressions of confidence and commendation, with generous contributions.

"Eastern Star Corner," was nicely furnished. Telephone service, refreshing drinks, toilet appliances for comfort and convenience of the sisters, a "miniature drug store," for any emergency, (and many appeared during the summer), writing material, and in fact everything was furnished to make the "Corner" a haven of rest, and so it proved to many a weary traveler as the days flew by. Invitations were extended to every Grand Matron, to spend one day there and represent her State, either in person or by proxy.

Chapters in Chicago and vicinity were also invited and over fifty responded, and the hostess of the day furnished refreshments and, sometimes souvenirs, while I added every other day, *all* summer, "Flowers, bright flowers."

Although twelve miles away, still I was absent only *six* days from the 1st day of May to the 31st of October, 1893, inclusive, Sundays excepted. I desire to extend thanks to the Grand Chapter of Kansas, for the picture that was taken from the State Building and brought to our "Corner," and to Nebraska for their picture that left their State Building to make our beautiful "Corner" more attractive.

Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, W. Grand Esther, was the first to respond, giving us her best wishes and strongest words of encouragement. The Signet and Banners sent for decoration were gratefully received, and we trust they were returned to Terre Haute Chapter, Indiana, none the worse for the journey, but with added value.

John Anderson an old time business friend, gave the "Register," and it is really a "thing of beauty." Miriam, Lagrange, Golden Rod, Lady Washington,

Rising Sun, Marguerite Maple, Siloam, Queen Esther and Lady Garfield Chapters of Chicago, and vicinity furnished elegant silk banners, which were returned to them at the close of the Fair.

Mr. W. H. Bartells, Grand Patron of Illinois, loaned us a valuable piece of wood engraving, his own work.

The most beautiful and most admired decoration at the "Corner" was a stained glass window, 30 by 60 inches, from Holman Hunt's "Christ, the Light of the World," that famous painting of great value which occupies a place of honor at "Old Oxford."

The window was decorated with "Square and Compass," "Keystone," "Cross and Crown," an emblematic "Eastern Star," and the "O. E. S." monogram. Mrs. Emma L. Allen, Past Worthy Matron of Golden Rod Chapter of Chicago, who is a most enthusiastic worker, being the generous giver.

The hand-painted china jardinier, flower vases and water pitcher were furnished by my daughter, Mrs. H. Judson Decker, of Chicago.

"Woman's Day," October 28th, 1893, was devoted to the Societies that had been represented in the "Organization Room" of the Woman's Building, and each had a few moments to say a word in the interest of their own. I was proud to speak in behalf of this, and that we had registered second in numbers to the W. N. C. T. U., I suppose one of the largest societies in the world, if not the largest. Over twelve thousand left their names with us.

Mrs. Potter Palmer presided, and as she had extended to us at all times and in all places much kindness and extreme courtesy, I returned to her the thanks of the "Order of the Eastern Star" for making it possible for us to be represented at the greatest Exposition the world has ever known.

If the permanent "Woman's Building" is erected in Chicago, as it surely will be, the "Eastern Star" may occupy the identical "Corner," and the "Window" and "Register" will be found there.

You need not be surprised to hear from me later on that subject, and I shall expect just as generous and substantial replies.

It was a most interesting experience to meet so many people who could not speak a word of our language, but who could interpret those Masonic Emblems with such reverence and devotion.

Sisters and Brothers, when I assumed the responsibility of the "Corner" I did not realize the magnitude of the undertaking, but, notwithstanding, I have never for one moment regretted the energy, strength or money I exhausted there for the "Order" that for nearly thirty years has been so closely identified with my life.

I distributed 15,000 slips, giving the aims and purposes of the Order, with a directory of the time and place of the meeting of the Chapters in Chicago and vicinity, and other printed matter.

Words fail to express my personal gratitude, to the Chapters and individuals for their generous responses, and lavish expressions of confidence, but for them, I could not have had the courage to tide me over to the end. None can know the intense anxiety of that year for months before the opening, and the reaction at its close.

I want spread upon the records of this Grand Body the names of the Chapters and individuals, who contributed, and the amount each gave. I received from Chapters and individuals $1,203.51, and from the General Grand Chapter $250.00. I have made a Ledger account with each State and hope you will allow it to be published in full that Chapters may

know they were given due credit, and for my protection in the future. I have also an account of the disbursements, but do not care to look at *that*, as it is the *only* memory of "World's Fair," that I wish I could forget.

"EASTERN STAR DAY," MAY 16TH, 1893, CHICAGO.

January 24, 1893, I received an official invitation from Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery, Secretary of the "World's Congress of Women" as follows:

"The General Grand Chapter Order of the Eastern Star," is hereby invited to hold a meeting under the management of its own officers, arranging its own program (subject only to the general rules of the World's Congress Auxilary), on one day between May 15th and 21st, inclusive, 1893. Two sessions, a morning and an evening session may be arranged for, as it is desired to leave the afternoon free for social engagements.

Each Department Congress is expected to bear the expense and see to the printing of its own program, and is asked to furnish at least one thousand copies to the Committee of Arrangements by the 15th of May, to be placed for distribution with the programs of all the Department Congresses and of the General Congress programs in the Bureau of Information. The greater number of copies of this Department Program, furnished for use in the Bureau of Information, the more widely advertised will your meeting be at the time of the Congress."

(The program was the finest and most attractive of any furnished, and can be seen at the Secretary's desk if desired.)

I did not delay in accepting this generous invitation, as at that time I had no assurance that any oppor-

tunity would be given us to be represented within the walls of the "White City."

The Art Institute was located on the Lake Front, central, and easy of access from all parts of Chicago.

Arrangements were completed and the day dawned. Not a meeting was better attended. The sweet strains of music from the "Eastern Star Hall" quieted the excitement and confusion and called hundreds to us during the afternoon.

John Corson Smith, Past Grand Master and ex-Governor of Illinois, gave a very interesting address, which was highly appreciated.

Only one reflection marred the perfect harmony and success of the day, and that was the absence of some of the prominent members whose names appeared on the program. I was not disappointed in a single other way, however trifling; the day was perfect; the members who had been appointed on Committees attended to every detail as expected. Chapters in Chicago contributed $100 for the music during the afternoon and floral decorations. Everybody was happy.

Mrs. Potter Palmer responded to our invitation, and welcomed our visitors in that graceful and elegant manner which is purely her own.

The M. W. Grand Matron presided, and thus closed the "Day of All Days" in the history of the "Eastern Star."

I furnished the entire Proceedings of the two Sessions to the Secretary of the "Congress Auxiliary," and you will find the Program printed, not just as it occurred, for I was obliged to furnish it nearly a month in advance.

The papers by Mrs. Mary C. Snedden and Mrs. Mary A. Flint are published in the same report.

"Shadows" of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and R. W. Grand Secretary also appear there.

I must apologize for bringing any report of the "World's Fair" and "Eastern Star Day" to your notice, but in justice to all concerned I felt that it was my duty to do so and you can decide if it shall be a part of the record.

CONCLUSION.

My official relations with the M. W. Grand Matron, and M. W. Grand Patron, has never been disturbed by a single word of admonition for duty neglected or postponed, and words seem empty indeed in returning gratitude for so much kindness at their hands.

Still indebted to the members at large for their confidence expressed and unexpressed, I can only assure them of my appreciation for all this—by continued fidelity to the Order "as the years glide by."

Respectfully submitted,

Lorraine J. Pilkin

R. W. Grand Secretary.

RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer then submitted her report as follows, which was referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, upon the motion of T. R. Ercanbrack.

ANAMOSA, July 31, 1895.

To the General Grand Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star:

Your Right Worthy Grand Treasurer presents the following report:

RECEIPTS.

Sept. 15, 1892.	To Cash on hand from last report	$ 5,455.21
Nov. 4, "	Rec'd fr. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R.W. G. Sec'y	536.39
Dec. 31, "	" " "	358.05
Mar. 1, 1893.	" " "	309.77
Mar. 31, "	" " "	299.35
May 3, "	" " "	336.09
May 3. "	Part Payment of World's Fair Loan	150.00
June 1, "	Rec'd fr. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R.W. G. Sec'y	236.44
July 7, "	" " "	481.89
Aug. 4, "	" " "	306.18
Oct. 2, "	" " "	181.88
Nov. 20, "	" " "	136.34
Dec. 7, "	" " "	398.34
Dec. 29, "	" " "	91.82
Jan. 19, 1894.	Part Payment of World's Fair Loan	100.00
Jan. 30, "	Rec'd fr. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R.W. G Sec'y	639.56
Mar. 6, "	" " "	485.49
Mar. 29, "	" " "	252.03
May 9, "	" " "	353.81
May 28, "	" " "	333.24
July 2, "	" " "	649,71
Aug. 9, "	" " "	482.99
Oct. 30, "	" " "	131.33
Dec. 6, "	" " "	194.79
Jan. 5, 1895.	" " "	837.19
Jan. 29, "	" " "	773.54

Mar. 1, 1895.	Rec'd fr. Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R.W.G. Sec'y				161.12
Mar. 30,	"	"	"	"	341.85
May 7,	"	"	"	"	647.44
June 3,	"	"	"	"	232.93
July 1.	"	"	"	"	613 61
July 17,	"	"	"	"	628.52
July 22,	"	"	"	"	839.88
July 31,	"	"	"	"	875.93
	Total				$18,852 71

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS.

Sept. 17, 1892.	No. 156,	Mrs. Sarah W. Burns, Mileage and Express	$	43.60
" 17, "	" 157,	I. O. O. F., Rent for Hall and Headqu.		35.00
" 17, "	" 158,	Hall Rent and Posters		11.50
Oct. 13. "	" 159,	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Mileage to G. G. Chapter, Columbus		9.30
" 13, "	" 160,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Appropriation of G. G. Chapter		300.00
		Salary to Oct. 1, 1892		68.70
" 24, "	" 161,	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Mileage		50.00
" 24, "	" 162,	Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Mileage		3.70
		General G. Chapter Appropriation		600.00
" 25, "	" 165,	Mrs. Harriet A. Ercanbrack, Milieage		10.40
" 25, "	" 168,	Edwin Davis, Mileage		16.50
" 25, "	" 172,	Mrs. Eva M. Hollinger, Mileage		5.30
" 25, "	" 179,	Joseph Hall, Mileage		2.80
" 25, "	" 175,	Mrs. Mary H .Martin, Mileage		8.00
" 25, "	" 176,	Mrs. Maria Jackson, Mileage		16.20
" 26, "	" 178,	Mrs. Sheerwood Hinds, Mileage		5.80
" 26, "	" 181,	Mrs. Ida M. Beloate, Mileage		13.10
" 26, "	" 188,	Mrs. Lue M. Simpson, Mileage		6.00
" 27, "	" 173,	Joseph W. Hill, Mileage		18.00
" 27, "	" 177,	Samuel L. C. Rhodes, Mileage		16.50
" 27, "	" 185,	Mrs. Victoria C. Little, Mileage		16.20
" 28, "	" 169,	Mrs. J. B. McClintock, Mileage		3.50
" 28, "	" 184,	Mrs. Mary E. Wakefield, Mileage		16.00
" 29, "	" 164,	James R. Donnell, Mileage		15.70
" 29, "	" 174,	Mrs. Lizzie Cadley, Mileage		34.00
" 29, "	" 183,	Mrs. Ida J. Martin, Mileage		5.30
" 31, "	" 180,	Mrs. Mattie Murray, Miliage		34.00

Oct.	31, 1892.	No.	187, Mrs. Carrie C. Getty, Mileage	20.00
Nov.	3, "	"	167, Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Mileage	33.50
"	3, "	"	170, Mrs. Mary E. Mount, Mileage	16.00
"	4, "	"	166, Mrs. R. Emily Little, Mileage	18.00
"	7, "	"	163, Benjamin Lynds, Mileage	9.30
"	7, "	"	163, Appropriation of the G. G. Chapter	200.00
"	7, "	"	186, Wm. A. Lawrence, Mileage	11.20
"	11, "	"	171, A. H. Wright, Mileage	6.20
"	11, "	"	189, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses from Aug. 16th to Oct. inclusive	166.20
Dec.	8, "	"	182, John G. Holland, Mileage	14.50
"	21, "	"	190, Callgraph Company	111.00
"	31, "	"	192, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1892	125.00
Jan.	9, 1893.	"	193, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for November and December 1892	106.78
"	20, "	"	191, Willis D. Engle, Copyright of Signet and Stock on hand	400.00
"	25, "	"	194, L. C. Milges, Stationery and Printing	77.26
Feb.	15, "	"	197, J. Manz & Co., Printing	171.00
"	16, "	"	195, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses for Jan '93	81.61
"	18, "	"	196, H. J. Quarry, Mounting Signets	21.40
Mar.	16, "	"	198, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Loan for World's Fair Headquarters	500 00
"	25, "	"	199, John Anderson Co., Printing	300.00
April	3, "	"	200, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan., Feb. and March 1893	125.00
"	18, "	"	201, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for Feb. and March 1893	242.71
"	18, "	"	202, L. H. Milges, Printing	172.00
July	8, "	"	203, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for April and May 1893	170.38
"	8, "	"	204, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April, May and June 1893, and Expenses for June 1893	244.51
"	28, "	"	205, John Anderson Co., Rituals	625.25
Aug.	29, "	"	206, Lorraine J. Pitkin, expenses for July and Aug. '93	187 95
Sept.	11, "	"	207, H. C. Donaldson, Signets	120 00
Oct.	3, "	"	209, Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July, Aug. and Sept. 1893	125.00
Nov.	25, "	"	208, John Anderson Co., Printing in full to date	866.45
Dec.	20, "	"	210, Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for Sept., Oct. and Nov. 1893	288.20

Jan.	8, 1894.	No. 211,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1893	125.00
Feb.	7, "	" 212,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses Dec. 1893, Jan. and Feb. 1894	165.46
Mar.	29, "	" 213,	John Anderson & Co., Printing	72.75
April	2, "	" 214,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan., Feb. and March 1894	125.00
June	5, "	" 215,	John Anderson & Co., Printing	51.25
July	6, "	" 216,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for April and May 1894	206 94
"	6, "	" 217,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April, May and June 1894	125.00
"	12, "	" 218,	Anderson Printing Co., Printing and Binding 5000 Rituals	632.60
Aug.	18, "	" 219,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for March, June and July 1894	194.16
Oct.	11, "	" 220,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses	210 28
"	11, "	" 221,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for July, Aug. and Sept. 1864	125.00
Nov.	10, "	" 222,	Anderson Printing Co., Printing	224.75
Jan.	8, 1895.	" 224,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1894	125.00
"	8, "	" 223,	The Anderson Printing Co.	99.00
"	10, "	" 226,	C. G. Donaldson, Signets	135.00
Feb.	4, "	" 225,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses Oct., Nov. and Dec. 1894	431.41
Mar.	11, "	" 227,	Anderson Printing Co., Printing	696.00
April	16, "	" 228,	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for Jan., Feb. and March 1895	125.00
"	18, "	" 229,	F. H. Brenckle & Co., Printing	81.05
May	11, "	" 330,	Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for Jan., Feb., March and April 1895	434.77
June	29, "	" 231,	Anderson Printing Co., Printing	38.50
"	29, "	" 242,	Shober & Carqueville, Printing	110.00
July	11, "	" 233,	F. H. Brenckle & Co., Printing	70.25
"	17, "	" 234,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Salary for April, May, June to July 15th '95	145.88
"	29, "	" 235,	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Expenses for May, June and to July 15th '95	255.37
		Total		$11,926.92

RECAPITULATION.

Total Receipts	$18,852.71
Total Expenditures	11,926.92
Balance on hand	$6,925.79

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIETTE A. ERCANBRACK,

R. W. Grand Treasurer.

ADDRESSES.

Philip C. Shaffer, from the Committee on Addresses, submitted the following:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter O. E. S.

Your committee to whom was referred the addresses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, submit the following recommendations:

That such part of their addresses as refers to deceased members be referred to a special committee of three.

That such part of their addresses as refers to official acts, decisions, recommendations, good of the order, special dispensations and new degrees, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That portion of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron relating to the National Council of Women, be referred to a special committee of three.

That portion of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as refers to the World's Fair, be referred to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means; also that portion of the address as refers to Rituals, on page 44, be referred to the same committee.

That such part of the address of the Most Worthy Grand

Patron as refers to Miss Whitworths, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That such part of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as refers to Independent Grand Chapters, be referred to a special committee of three.

That such part of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as refers to Custom and Usage be referred to a special committee of three.

That such part of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron as refers to Charters, be referred to the Committee on Charters.

That such part of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as refers to Rituals, page 45, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Fraternally submitted,

PHILIP C. SHAFFER.
W. H. BARTELLS.
MRS. SALLIE E. DILLON.

On motion of A. G. Pinkham the report was adopted.

AMENDMENT.

The following amendment was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That Article V, Section 1, shall read as follows:

Sec. 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Worthy Grand Conductress, Worthy Grand Associate Conductress shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Provided, that no one shall be eligible to these offices, un-

less they shall have served as Grand Matron or Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

MRS. SALLIE E. DILLON.
W. H. WAKEFIELD.
MRS. JENNIE E. MATTHEWS.

Resolutions concerning changes in the Ritual were presented by Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, which were not acted upon.

A memorial from the Grand Chapter of Oregon concerning the Secret Work, was read and referred to the Committe on Jurisprudence.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was presented and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence:

Resolved, That the Ritual be so changed that where it says "seven members shall constitute a quorum," instead shall read "five members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business."

MRS. EDITH HOSFALL.

MEMORIALS.

Memorials from the Grand Chapters of Oregon and California relating to changes in the Ritual and the form of Balloting, were read by the R. W. Grand Secretary, and on motion of Martin H. Rice, the same was laid upon the table.

AMENDMENT.

The following amendment to the Constitution was read and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Amend Article IX by adding a new section to be No. 2, as follows:

Sec. 2. The actual traveling expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, when on necessary official business or in attendance at the Sessions of the General Grand Chapter, shall be paid by this General Grand Chapter upon the presentation of proper vouchers, but shall not apply to the expenses of said officers in visiting the several Grand Chapters.

JOSEPH W. HILL.

INVITATIONS.

An invitation from Dallas Chapter No. 1 to hold the next session of the General Grand Chapter in Dallas, Texas, was read, and on motion of A. G. Pinkham was placed on file to be considered by the Committee on Location, when appointed.

An invitation was extended by the delegates from Washington, D. C., to the General Grand Chapter to hold its next session in the Capitol City of the Nation, which took the same course.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

A. G. Pinkham, from the Committee on Appeals and Grievances, submitted the following report, and upon motion the same was concurred in:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Officers of the General Grand Chapter:

Your Committee on Appeals and Grievances beg leave to report that peace and harmony reign supreme throughout the domain of the Order of the Eastern Star, for which happy condition our grateful thanks should rise to Him, who rules and guides all the affairs of men.

Respectfully submitted.

A. G. PINKHAM.
F. G. ALEXANDER.

CHARTERS.

Mrs. Sarah E. Woods, from the Committee on Charters, submitted the following report, which upon motion of C. Hansen, the same was concurred in:

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee on Charters, having attended to the duties assigned them, beg leave to report as follows:

We approve the action of the M. W. Grand Patron in relation to granting charters to Subordinate Chapters during the past term.

We have examined the reports of the several chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and have compared them with the records of the R. W. Grand Secretary, and find that they agree in every particular.

We would concur in the recommendation of the R. W. Grand Secretary, that the dues of the following chapters for the years mentioned be remitted, viz:

Mecca Chapter No. 5, Fargo, North Dakota.—1893.

Gate City Chapter No. 1, Florence, South Carolina.—1893.

Charity Chapter No. 1, Burleson, Alabama.—1891, 1892 and 1894.

We would also recommend the adoption of an amendment to the constitution, limiting the number of charter members in all chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter to thirty.

Respectfully and fraternally,

MRS. SARAH E. WOODS.
R. H. BURNHAM.
FRED. W. LANTZ.

N. A. Gearhart moved that when the General Grand Chapter is called off, it be until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock, which motion was carried.

AMENDMENT.

The following amendment to the Constitution was read, and on motion of R. H. Burnham the same was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Amend Article XV, Section 1, by adding at the end of the section the following: "And provided further that no Chapter shall consist of more than thirty charter members.

R. H. BURNHAM.

By order of the Most Worthy Grand Matron the Worthy Grand Marshal called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—MORNING.

FRIDAY, August 30th, 1895.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 9 o'clock A. M. by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and after prayer the Worthy Grand Marshall proclaimed the morning session open for business.

The minutes of the preceding day's sessions, were read by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, and upon motion they were approved as read.

SPECIAL COMMITTEES.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced the appointment of the following special Committees:

Deceased Members. — Willis D. Engle, Mrs. Helen B. Farnsworth and Mrs. Louise L. Johnston.

National Council of Women.—Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner and Wm. Alden Blossom.

Upon motion of Mrs Lorraine J. Pitkin, Mrs. Mary C. Snedden was made Chairman of the Committee on Independent Grand Chapters.

Independent Grand Chapters.—Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Mrs. Mary E. Partridge and Nathaniel A. Gearhart.

Custom and Usage.—Mrs. Mary A. Flint, Mrs. Laura B. Hart and W. H. Wakefield.

ADDRESSES.

SUPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon from the Committee on Addresses made the following report which was adopted and the R. W. Grand Secretary instructed to add the same to the original report.

That such part of the address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron as refers to "Independent Grand Chapters," be referred to a special committee of three.

That such part of the Most Worthy Grand Matron's address as refers to "Custom and Usage," be referred to a special committee of three.

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP C. SHAFFER.
MRS. SALLIE E. DILLON.

FINANCE.

John R. Parson from the Committee of Finance, Ways and Means, submitted their report as follows:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.:

Your Committee of Finance, Ways and Means respectfully report that we spent two days examining the books, accounts, bills, etc. of the R. W. Grand Secretary and the report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and found them correct.

The Grand Secretary has paid over to the Grand Treasurer $13,397.50 for which she holds the Grand Treasurer's receipts.

The Grand Treasurer has received from the Grand Secretary	$13,397.50
She had on hand last report	$5,455.21
Total	$18,852,71
The Grand Treasurer has paid out	$11,926,92
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer	$6,925.79

The Grand Treasurer turned over to the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means warrants signed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and R. W. Grand Secretary accounting in full for all her disbursements.

The Grand Secretary's books show in detail where Rituals, Signets, Blanks, etc., were sent and the amount received and paid for each.

She holds receipted bills for her expenditures and the affairs of the office have been conducted in a business-like manner.

Our Most Worthy Grand Matron has done an immense amount of work during her three years term, traveling many thousands of miles and neglecting her own business for months.

We recommend an appropriation of one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) to Sister Mary C. Snedden as a partial recompense for her labors and loss of time.

Your Committee find that the R. W. Grand Secretary in her management of Eastern Star Headquarters during the World's Fair, expended a large amount more than she received, and we recommend that a special appropriation of six hundred dollars ($600.00) be made to Sister Pitkin to reimburse her for her expenditures.

We recommend an appropriation of two hundred dollars ($200.00) to the M. W. Grand Patron.

We recommend an appropriation of one hundred and fifty dollars ($150.00) for hall expenses.

We recommend that the Officers of the General Grand Chapter, who are in attendance at this session and the members of the Standing Committees, be allowed mileage at three cents a mile one way, provided that no person shall draw mileage in more than one capacity.

We recommend that whenever the funds in the hands of the Grand Treasurer amounts to three thousand dollars ($3,000.00) that one thousand dollars ($1,000.00) shall be invested in interest-bearing securities for the benefit of the General Grand Chapter, by three Trustees to be appointed by the incoming M. W. Grand Matron.

Your Committee agree with the M. W. Grand Matron, that if the Grand Chapters restrict the sale of Rituals, it may seriously reduce the revenue of the General Grand Chapter, but we think the matter must be left to the State Grand Chapters.

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN R. PARSON.
MRS. LINDA J. LOWRY,
MRS. MATE L. CHESTER.

Upon motion of Allen S. Wright, of Michigan, the report was declared unanimously adopted.

THANKS.

The following resolution was read, and on motion of Joseph W. Hill the same was adopted by a rising vote.

Resolved, That the thanks of this General Grand Chapter be and are hereby tendered to our Most Worthy Grand Matron, Sister Mary C. Snedden, for the untiring energy, zeal and ability, which has characterized the administration of her high office during the past three years. We realize that she has been unceasing in her intelligent efforts to advance the true principles of our Order, which has made her term of office one of the most successful in the history of the General Grand Chapter.

MRS. REBECCA J. MCCLINTOCK.

Upon motion of Allen S. Wright the election of officers was set for 2 o'clock P. M.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

S. Penrose Williams, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, submitted the following report, which was concurred in.

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

The Committee on Unfinished Business beg leave to report that the only matter of business laid over from the last session of the General Grand Chapter was in relation to the Signet, and the committee are of the opinion that, as this matter was referred to a committee at the last session and that committee have not as yet had an opportunity to report, it is yet in their hands, and that they be requested to report at this session.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. SARAH J. CLARK.
MRS. NANNIE R. BRIGGS.
S. PENROSE WILLIAMS.

SIGNET.

Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, from the Committee on Signet, appointed at the last session, submitted the following report:

To the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

The committee appointed at the last Triennial Session, "to prepare and report a design of a Signet for the use of the General Grand Chapter," beg leave to submit the following:

Having carefully considered the matter in all its bearings and consulted with a number of the members and delegates of this General Grand Chapter, we believe that there should be a Signet adopted by this body, to be sold only by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to Grand Secretaries of Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and that that officer secure the "copyright," as the financial agent of the General Grand Chapter.

The following design is herewith submitted, and when ready for sale they shall be exchanged to Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter free of cost. The

manner of exchange to be left to the incoming Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. JENNIE E. MATTHEWS.
MRS. NETTIE RANSFORD.
MRS. LORRAINE J. PITKIN.

Wm. Alden Blossom moved that the report be adopted.

Nathaniel A. Gearhart moved as a substitute motion that the report be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Nettie Ransford offered the following:

Resolved, That the Signet be sold by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, as are the Rituals, and not to dealers and individuals.

Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon moved as an amendment to the resolution:

"That all supplies in the office of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be sold only to Grand Secretaries and Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter."

Upon motion the amendment was carried, and the resolution as amended was declared adopted.

THANKS.

The following resolution was read, and upon the motion of John R. Parson, was unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the thanks of the General Grand Chapter are due and hereby tendered to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter and members of the Order in Massachusetts for the cordial reception they have given us, and for the bountiful provision they have so kindly made for the pleasure of the members of the General Grand Chapter.

JOHN R. PARSON.

CUSTOM AND USAGE.

Mrs. Mary A. Flint, from the Committee on Custom and Usage, read their report, which was considered by sections.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

Your Committee to whom were referred the decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, concerning certain matters of Custom and Usage, have had the same under consideration and respectfully report as follows:

No. 1. *Password.*—It is obligatory upon the Worthy Matron to be satisfied that all in the Chapter room are entitled to be present, and if all are not personally known to her or reported by the Associate Matron as properly vouched for, nothing can take the place of the examination as prescribed by the Ritual. In the opinion of your Committee the use of a "Password," is unnecessary as it is not a sure test of actual membership.

Upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford the report of the Committee was concurred in.

No. 2. *Test Oath.*—Your Committee concur in the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, regarding the use of a "Test Oath" and the manner of administering the same, as well as the form submitted by her which is as follows:

"I ..... in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, do most solemnly affirm upon my honor, that I have been regularly initiated in a legally constituted Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; that I am in good standing in the Order and am not under suspension or expulsion, and know of no reason why I should be excluded from the privileges of the Order."

The "Test Oath" should be taken by the visitor, repeating it after the examining Committee and with the right hand on the Bible.

Upon motion of C. Hanson, the report of the committee was concurred in.

No. 3. *Use of the Veil.*—The Veil at the point of Adah is used in most jurisdictions, but the veil for the Candidate is not used.

Your committee concur in the above, and upon motion of Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon the recommendation of the committee was adopted.

No. 4. *Form of Prayer.*—It is not *obligatory* to use the form of prayer in the Ritual in the opening and closing ceremony, but think the prayers given in the Ritual should be used in initation and installation.

The prayers in the Ritual are as much a part of the regular work as the lectures, and your committee fail to see why they may be changed in the opening or closing ceremony any more than in the initiation or installation ceremony.

Upon motion of Mrs. Nettie Ransford the opinion of the committee was concurred in.

No. 5. *Wearing Sashes.*—I see nothing objectionable in the officers on the north side of the room wearing their sashes from right to left, and those on the south side from left to right.

Your committee concur in the above, and upon motion of C. Hanson the recommendation was adopted.

No. 6. *Change of Chairs.*—The Worthy Matron rising, steps to the front, handing the gavel to the Worthy Patron, should say: "Worthy Patron, will you preside during the conferring of the degrees?" and they exchange places.

The directions regarding the changing of the chairs by the Worthy Matron and the Worthy Patron were copied from the former Ritual, when the Worthy Patron performed most of the initiatory work.

Now, that it is permissible for the Worthy Matron to per-

form almost the entire ceremony, it seems unnecessary for the Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron to exchange chairs.

Upon motion of Joseph W. Hill the report of the committee was *not* concurred in, and action was indefinitely postponed.

No. 7. *Patron Should Stand.*—While the Conductress is placing the candidate in "proper position" he should remain standing.

Your committee recommend that the above be concurred in, and upon motion of Willis D. Engle the same was ordered.

No. 8. *Floor Star.*—Is it obligatory that the floor star be used? We are tired of ours, and prefer a scarf on altar, embroidered in appropriate colors. Can we use this?

You can use the colors and emblems in the way desired. The Ritual is not meant to prevent you from beautifying your Chapter, and does not say the floor star *shall* be used.

Your committee would call your attention to page 13 of the Ritual, the furniture of the Chapter room is designated, and the use for a five-pointed floor star seems to be as clearly indicated as the use of an altar. Additional decorations are not prohibited.

Upon motion of Martin H. Rice the report of the committee was concurred in.

No. 9. *Matron and Patron Should Sit.*—The Worthy Matron and Worthy Patron should sit during the opening.

Your committee concur in the above. Upon motion of H. S. Gleason the report of the committee was *not* concurred in, and action on this section was indefinitely postponed.

No. 10. *Matron and Patron Rise.*—The Worthy Matron

and Worthy Patron should rise when the Worthy Matron says, "It is in this spirit I desire."

Your committee concur in the above. Upon motion of H. S. Gleason the report of the committee was *not* adopted, and action on this section was indefinitely postponed.

No. 11. *Tileing the Door.*—After the customary raps have been given by the Warder and Sentinel, the door opened, the cause ascertained, no raps should be given after the door is closed.

Your committee are of the opinion that the Ritual prescribes the manner of giving the raps. Upon motion of Martin H. Rice the report of the committee was concurred in.

No. 12. *Opening Ceremony.*—The whole of the opening ceremony must be used in called or special meetings.

Your committee concur in the above, and upon motion the same was ordered.

No. 13. *Secret Work.*—The Worthy Patron should have charge of the secret work if he is a regular attendant.

Your committee concur in the above, and upon motion the same was ordered.

No. 14. *Hailing Sign.*—In the opinion of your committee there is no need of any legislation regarding a sign of recognition, the Ritual plainly prescribing the manner in which members of the order may secure recognition when among strangers and desirous of becoming known as a sister or brother.

Upon motion the report of the committee was concurred in.

MRS. MARY A. FLINT.
MRS. LAURA B. HART.
W. H. WAKEFIELD.

Upon motion the report of the committee, as amended and adopted by sections, was adopted as a whole.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be and is hereby instructed to take such steps as may be necessary to protect from infringement any and all copyrights belonging to the General Grand Chapter.

S. PENROSE WILLIAMS,
A. G. PINKHAM.

Upon motion the Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at 1:45 p. m., the Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON.

FRIDAY, August 30th, 1895.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 1.45 o'clock, p. m., by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal proclaiming the afternoon session open and ready for business.

JURISPRUDENCE.

J. C. Postlethwaite, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, reported favorably upon the adoption of the following amendment to the Constitution, and upon motion of Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews the same was adopted by a two-thirds vote.

Article V, Sec. 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Worthy Grand Conductress, Worthy Grand Associate Conductress shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Provided, that no one shall be eligible to these offices, unless they shall have served as a Grand Matron or Grand Patron, of a Grand Chapter.

ELECTION.

The hour set apart for the election of officers having arrived the Most Worthy Grand Matron, appointed as Tellers, Mrs. Louise L. Johnston, Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, Martin H. Rice and A. G. Pinkham, which resulted in the choice of the following:

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, Most Worthy Grand Matron.
H. Harrison Hinds, Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, R. W. Associate Grand Matron.
Nathaniel A. Gearhart, R. W. Associate Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Worthy Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was read.

Resolved, That the officers *pro tem*, be paid mileage for this session, and that the committee on mileage are herewith instructed to include them in their report, also special committees.

JOHN P. LORING.

Willis D. Engle moved as an amendment to the resolution that all members of the General Grand Chapter be given mileage.

The following was offered as a substitute motion.

Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter pay to each member or representative present or their proxies, the sum of one cent a mile one way from place of starting.

S. D. MOORE, Texas.

S. Penrose Williams moved to postpone action, which motion was lost.

Willis D. Engle amended the subtitute motion, to read two cents a mile one way, which was adopted.

RESOLUTION.

The following resolution was read:

Whereas, The duties of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary are constantly increasing, making it necessary to have office room and assistance,

Therefore, Be it resolved, that from and after this date the salary of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, shall be eight hundred dollars a year instead of five hundred, as at present.

ALLEN S. WRIGHT.

L. Caleb Williamson moved an amendment to the resolution that the salary of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be one thousand dollars per year, which amendment was declared carried.

Original motion as amended was carried.

John R. Parson, from the Committee on Finance, submitted the following report, which was adopted.

FINANCE.

To the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

Your Committee on Finance, Ways and Means respectfully report that, under the action of the General Grand Chapter, the following are entitled to mileage at three cents per mile one way.

OFFICERS.

Mrs. M. C. Snedden	$35 52
J. R. Donnell	49 83
Mrs. M. E. Partridge	100 50
H. H. Hinds	26 22
Mrs. L. J. Pitkin	30 00
Mrs. H. A. Ercanbrack	36 30
Mrs. E. L. Hedges	76 92
Mrs. J. B. McClintock	20 67
Mrs. M. E. Wa efield	42 96
Mrs. E. M. Hollinger	32 16
Mrs. M. E. McClure	45 00
Joseph Hall	15 75
	$511 83

COMMITTEES.

N. A. Gearhart	$46 77
Mrs. Jane D. Davis	2 34
Mrs. Mate L. Chester	30 00
Mrs. L. J. Lowry	22 83
Mrs. Nettie Ransford	30 00
J. C. Postlethwaite	49 56
Mrs. L. A. Turck	26 22
Mrs. S. J. Clark	48 00
S. Penrose Williams	1 32
Mrs. Nannie R. Briggs	56 40
Mrs. S. E. Woods	36 15
Fred. W. Lentz	12 54
A. G. Pinkham	49 29
F. G. Alexander	13 74
Mrs. A. H. Haskell	40 74
R. H. Burnham	5 82
Mrs. Carrie S. Fairbairn	45
John R. Parson	35 52
	$507 69

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. PARSON.
MR. LINDA J. LOWRY.
MRS. MATE L. CHESTER

John R. Parson moved that the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be instructed to pay the members not mentioned by the Finance Committee 2 cents per mile, one way as ordered by the General Grand Chapter, which motion prevailed.

Members of the General Grand Chapter who are entitled to 2 cents per mile one way, under order of the General Grand Chapter as per above order.

(Those who have been paid mileage have certified to their attendance as follows. To those who have not done so, no mileage has been issued.)

ARKANSAS.

Mrs. Edith Horsfall, proxy for W. G. M.
J. F. Hopkins, W. G. Patron, four sessions, 1,500 miles $30.00

CALIFORNIA.

Mrs. Mary A. Flint, P. G. Matron, five sessions, 3,235 miles 64.70
Thomas Flint, M. D., P. G. Patron, five sessions, 3,235 miles 64.70

COLORADO.

Mrs. Mary E. Pierce, A. G. Matron, five sessions, 2,024 miles 40.48

ILLINOIS.

Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, P. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,150 miles 23.00
William H. Bartells, P. G. Patron, five sessions, 1,200 miles 24.00

INDIANA.

Mrs. Ollie E. McGrew, W. G. Matron, five sessions, 944 miles 18.88
A. W. Hempleman, W. G. Patron, five sessions, 875 miles $17.50
Mrs. Jennie T. Nye, A. G. Matron, three sessions, 950 miles 19.00
P. E. Hoss, A. G. Patron, five sessions, 950 miles 19.00
Mrs. Mary E. Spitler, P. G. Matron, four sessions, 1,052 miles 21.04
Willis D. Engle P. G. Patron, five sessions, 944 miles. 18.88
Henry G. Thayer, P. G. Patron, one session, 950 miles 19.00
Martin H. Rice, P. G. Patron, four sessions, 944 miles 18.88
Edwin D. Palmer, P. G. Patron.
Oliver B. Sargent, P. G. Patron, one session, 950 miles. 19.00

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Edmond H. Doyle, P. G. Patron, four sessions, 1,650 miles 33.00

IOWA.

Eugene B. Dyke, W. G. Patron, four sessions, 1,300 miles 26.00
Andrew McMillen, proxy for A. G. Patron.
Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews, P. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,300 miles 26.00
Mrs. Maria Jackson, P. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,485 miles 29.70
T. R. Ercanbrack, P. G. Patron, four sessions, 1,250 miles 25.00

KANSAS.

Mrs. Helen B. Farnsworth, W. G. Matron, four sessions, 1,500 miles 30.00
Mrs. Emma W. Port, P. G. Matron, three sessions, 1,650 miles.
Mrs. Elizabeth Magee, P. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,550 miles $31.00
David C. Battey, P. G. Patron, three sessions, 1,600 miles 32.00

MASSACHUSETTS.

Warren M. King, W. G. Patron.
Mrs. Effie M. Carson, A. G. Matron, five sessions, 108 miles 2.16
Amos M. Parker, A. G. Patron, two sessions, 44 miles ..... .88
Mrs. L. M. Farrer, P. G. Matron, four sessions, 21 miles. .42
Mrs. Mary E. Gleason, P. G. Matron.
Mrs. Annie B. Huntress, P. G. Matron.

Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, P. G. Matron.
Daniel Seagrave, P. G. Patron, two sessions, 44 miles ..... .88
Dr. H. S. Gleason, P. G. Patron.
Wm. A. Farnsworth, P. G. Patron.
Charles C. Dike, P. G. Patron.
N. W. Farrer, P. G. Patron, four sessions, 21 miles .... .42
Robert C. Huntress, P. G. Patron.
G. C. Fiske, P. G. Patron.
Alonza Eaton, P. G. Patron.

MICHIGAN.

Allen S. Wright, W. G. Patron, four sessions, 850 miles 17.00
Mrs. Mary Sherwood Hinds, proxy A. G. M., five sessions, 900 miles 18.00
William S. Turck, proxy A. G. P., five sessions, 850 miles 17.00

MINNESOTA.

Mrs. Louise L. Johnston, W. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,419 miles 28.38
Mrs. Clara Baldwin, proxy for W. G. Patron, four sessions, 1,350 miles $27.00
Mrs. Mary L. McGindley, A. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,550 miles 31.00
J. H. Johnston, proxy for A. G. Patron, five sessions, 1,419 miles 28.38
Mrs. Flora E. Moore, P. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,419 miles 28.38
Mrs. Mary C. Taylor, P. G. Matron, four sessions, 1,419 miles 28.38

MISSSOURI.

Mrs. Sue M. Tuttle, W. G. Matron, four sessions, 1,300 miles 26.00

W. H. Wakefield, W. G. Patron, five sessions, 1,425 miles 28.50
Job Newton, proxy for A. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,425 miles 28.50
Miss Flora M. Clarkson, proxy for A. G. Patron, four sessions, 1,300 miles 26.00
Mrs. Louise J. Moore, P. G. Matron.
Mrs. Annie F. Goodrich, P. G. Matron.
Mrs. Cora B. McPherson, P. G. Matron.
Mrs. Sue M. Black, P. G. Matron, two sessions, 1,375 miles 27.50
Dr. H. M. Pettit, P. G. Patron, three sessions, 1,375 miles 27.50
Dr. R. Barney, P. G. Patron, three sessions, 1,375 miles. 27.50
C. Hanson, P. G. Patron, five sessions, 1,375 miles. 27.50
Mrs. Sallie E. Dillon, P. G. Matron, four sessions, 1,184 miles 23.68

MONTANA.

Cornelius Hedges, P.G.Patron, two sessions, 2,538 miles.

MAINE.

Mrs. Jennie M. Stewart, W. G. Matron, five sessions, 194 miles..... $ 3.88
Mrs. Clara V. Smith, A. G. Matron.
J. S. Brown, A. G. Patron.
Mrs. A. S. Cobb, P. G. M., two sessions, 116 miles.... 2.30
H. O. Hawes, P. G. Patron, four sessions, 168 miles... 3.36

NEBRASKA.

Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsh, W. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,489 miles 29.78
Edwin Davis, P. G. Patron, five sessions, 1,489 miles. 29.78

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Fred P. Knox, W. G. Patron.
Mrs. Mary J. Horne, P. G. Matron, proxy for A. G. Matron, three sessions, 42 miles ..... .84
Wm. R. Bartlett, A. G. Patron, three sessions, 52 miles. 1.04
Dr. Frank Spooner, P. G. Patron, two sessions, 195 miles 3.90
George H. Everett, P. G. Patron, three sessions, 104 miles 2.08

NORTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Rebecca M. Holmes, proxy for W. G. Matron, three sessions, 1,739 miles 34.78
Mrs. Sarah Gannon, A. G. Matron, three sessions, 1,720 miles 34.40

OHIO.

Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, proxy for A. G. Patron, four sessions, 849 miles..... 16.98
Mrs. Ada E. Gaskill, P. G. Matron, three sessions, 589 miles..... 11.78
I. N. Hathaway, P. G. Patron.
S. H. Schmuck, P. G. Patron, five sessions, 661 miles. 13.22

PENNSYLVANIA.

Mrs. Annette Gorman, W. G. Matron, five sessions, 419 miles..... $ 8.38
Phillip C. Shaffer, W. G. Patron, two sessions, 321 miles. 6.42
Mrs. Rata A. Mills, A. G. Matron.

RHODE ISLAND.

Mrs. Eugene Williams, W. G. Matron.
Mrs. Mary F. Phillips, A. G. Matron.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Mrs. Ella S. Williams, proxy for A. G. Matron.
Mrs. Frank A. Brown, proxy for A. G. Patron.
Frank A. Brown, P. G. Patron.
Mrs. Mary A. Brown, P. G. Matron, five sessions, 1,363 miles 27.26

TEXAS.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart, proxy for W. G. Matron, five sessions, 2,188 miles 43.76
Miss Jennie Moore, proxy for A. G. Matron, four sessions, 1,929 miles 38.58
S. D. Moore, proxy for A. G. Patron, five sessions, 1,929 miles 38.58

WISCONSIN.

Mrs. Martha D. Ross, W. G. Matron, four sessions, 1,150 miles 23.00
Miss E. C. Dean, proxy for A. G. Patron, four sessions, 1,150 miles 23.00
Miss Annie Phillips, A. G. Matron, three sessions, 1,175 miles 23.50

MARYLAND.

Mrs. M. Megenhardt, delegate Maryland No. 2, three sessions, 418 miles ..... $ 8.36

WASHINGTON.

Miss Helen B. Mathews, delegate Electa No. 2, four sessions, 458 miles 9.16
Mrs. Sarah P. Tyrer, delegate Naomi No. 3, four sessions, 458 miles 9.16
Mrs. M. Ella Espey, four sessions, delegate Martha No. 4, 458 miles 9.16

WEST VIRGINIA.

Mrs. Annie E. Waterhouse, delegate Miriam No. 1, three sessions, 740 miles 14.80

NEW MEXICO.

Maggie W. Porterfield, delegate Silver City No. 3, three sessions, 2,585 miles 51.70

IDAHO.

C. A. Warner, delegate Ruth No. 3.

TENNESSEE.

Sterling M. Price, delegate Nashville No. 1, one session, 1,321 miles 26.42

Total $1,671.08

Mrs. Emma W. Port, Mrs. Annie B. Huntress, Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Mrs. Mary F. Phillips, Warren W. King, Robert C. Huntress, and Cornelius Hedges decline to accept mileage.

JURISPRUDENCE.

John C. Postlethwaite, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, submitted the following:

To the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

Your committee on jurisprudence beg leave to submit the following report:

The committee recommend the approval of the decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

They recommend the approval of the official acts as reported by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron.

On the memorial from the Grand Chapter of Oregon, relative to the publication of the secret work in cipher, your com-

mittee is of the opinion that the work is now disseminated throughout the several Grand Jurisdictions, and that it is inexpedient to incur the expense and labor of the change.

The dissemination of the work by the distribution of the Rituals in the several Grand Jurisdictions is a matter of legislation of the Grand Chapters, and the sale of the Ritual should be controlled by the Grand Chapter.

Your committee believe that it is a violation of law to print the landmarks and general regulations as given in the Ritual, and that the copyright protects the book in its entirety.

That the resolution requesting the change in the number necessary to constitute a quorum from seven to five be not approved.

That the resolution relating to the restriction of the number of charter members of Chapters organized by the General Grand Chapter to thirty be not approved.

The General Grand Chapter having approved of the decisions of Brothers Willis Brown and J. S. Conover, said decisions have thereby become the law of this General Grand Chapter, and the committee deem it unwise to incur the expense of printing new Rituals in order to harmonize the same with said decisions.

The term of Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters should be fixed by the respective Grand Chapters as may best serve the interest of exchanging fraternal courtesies.

Your committee concur in the statement made by the Most Worthy Grand Matron relative to the election of delegates to the General Grand Chapter.

They approve of the action of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in refusing to recognize the so-called higher degrees.

Your committee recommend the adoption of the amendment to the Constitution, providing for payment of traveling expenses.

Your committee concur in the interpretation of the law made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and note that he has followed a precedent established by his predecessors, but your

committee express the opinion that the Constitution prescribes the duties of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, Article 8, Section 3, and alludes to the formation of new Chapters, and that the construction of the law is provided for by Section 5, Article 8, investing the authority in the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

Your committee approve the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron that a private seal be purchased for the use of that officer.

In the matter of the recommendation relative to the decision of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Rollin C. Gaskill, your committee recommend the approval of same, modified as follows: "That special deputies of the Most Worthy Grand Patron may be either a brother or sister duly qualified."

Fraternally submitted,

JOHN C. POSTLETHWAITE.
MRS. LOUISE A. TURCK.

I concur in the above report except as to the issuing of dispensation under date of Jan. 13, 1894, Jan. 28, 1894, June 3, 1894, Sept. 21, 1894, and Jan. 3, 1893. The recommendation for private seal and reversal of decision of Rollin C. Gaskill.

NETTIE RANSFORD.

The amendment to the Constitution as reported favorably by the committee, relating to "paying the expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron" was adopted by a two-thirds vote and declared a part of the same.

Willis D. Engle moved that the minority report of Mrs. Nettie Ransford be adopted, with the exception of the Seal for the Most Worthy Grand Matron, which motion was lost.

N. A. Gearhart moved that the recommendation of the Most Worthy Grand Matron in regard to the decision of Past Most Worthy Grand Patron, Rollin C. Gaskill, be not approved, which was carried.

On motion of John P. Loring the report of the committee was then adopted as amended by a two-thirds vote.

PRESENTATIONS.

Warren M. King presented Mrs. Mary C. Snedden with a beautiful tea service from members of the General Grand Chapter.

Mrs. Jennie E. Matthews presented Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin with a handsome water service from the same source.

The responses to these expressions of confidence and approval convinced all present that these tokens were justly appreciated by the recipients, coming as they did, at the close of a most successful administration of three years service together.

Joseph W. Hill moved that when this General Grand Chapter call off, it shall be until 7:30 o'clock this evening, which motion prevailed.

INDEPENDENT GRAND CHAPTERS.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, from the Committee on Independent Grand Chapter, submitted the following:

To the General Grand Chapter, O. E. S.

Your committee appointed on Independent Grand Chapters, beg leave to make the following report:

Recognizing the desirability of a united Order, we extend a cordial welcome to those owing allegiance to such Independent Grand Chapters as have seen fit to meet with us on this occasion.

We recommend that the Right Worthy Grand Secretary be instructed prior to the next meeting of the several Independent Grand Chapters, to invite them to take such action as shall

result in their coming under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, assuring them that their representatives will always be welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN.
MRS. MARY E. PARTRIDGE.
N. A. GEARHART.

A. G. Pinkham moved that the report be adopted and the committee continued. Motion prevailed.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron called the General Grand Chapter from labor to refreshment, to convene at 7:30 o'clock this evening, the Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation.

In Triennial Session.

SECOND DAY—EVENING.

FRIDAY, August 30th, 1895.

The General Grand Chapter was called to labor at 7:30 o'clock p. m., by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Worthy Grand Marshal making the proclamation that the evening session was open and ready for business.

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF WOMEN.

Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, from the Committee on National Council of Women, submitted the following report, and upon motion of L. Caleb Williamson, the same was adopted:

Your committee to whom is assigned the task of reporting upon the proposition that this General Grand Chapter O. E. S. affiliate with the National Council of Women would say:

First. That it acknowledges with pleasure the courtesy extended to its Most Worthy Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, during the annual session convened at Washington in February, 1895.

Second. That it realizes the general significance and importance of the proposed alliance with so large, influential and distinguished a body which seeks "to unite societies with different aims, objects and methods," all of them noble and praiseworthy in their scope of effort and thought, and especially adapted to benefit woman.

But believing, as we do, that from the origin and connection of the Order of the Eastern Star with its Masonic parent, which is the oldest and most honored of secret societies in all the world, and feeling that our charitable and social purposes, the real object of our existence, are best subserved and are, in fact, a matter of real obligation, we believe these ends and aims can he best attained without other connection.

The principal, if not insuperable objection, however, exists in the fact that our Order, though chiefly officiated by women, is not exclusively a woman's organization, but includes a large proportion of male members.

For reasons stated your committee recommend that the proposition be respectfully declined.

MRS. EDNA L. HEDGES,
MRS. NETTIE C. KENNER,
WM. ALDEN BLOSSOM.

NECROLOGY.

Willis D. Engle, from the Committee on Necrology, submitted the following report, which upon motion of Joseph W. Hill, was adopted by a rising vote.

To the General Grand Chapter O. E. S.:

The footfall of death, whether heard approaching one in seared old age, in the strength of manhood, or in the heyday of youth, is always a melancholy sound, and brings to the hearts of those left behind sorrow and anguish. The experience of this body has not been singular in the last three years in losing from its permanent members Brothers Robert Van Valzah, Joseph A. Manning, Gustavus A. Colton and H. A. Guild, and feelingly would we recall their memories and earnestly strive to imitate their virtues.

But beyond these losses in our body, the Most Worthy Grand Matron has very properly called our attention to the death of three others, whose relationship to the Order in gen-

eral was such that we may very appropriately note their demise.

Sister Charlotte M. Morris, widow of the Patriarch of our Order, Brother Rob Morris, was the first person upon whom the degrees were conferred and was a helpmeet for him throughout all her subsequent years, which were so actively devoted to Freemasonry.

Sister Frances R. Martin, Grand Secretary of Connecticut, by her zeal and earnestness won a place high in the regard of the sisters and brothers of the Eastern Star world. Lovingly we twine evergreen wreaths to their memory.

Robert Macoy, Past Grand Patron of New York, although never connected with this body, but rather opposed to it, rendered most valuable service to the Order by his talent and great executive ability, giving it the Chapter form of organization which has resulted in its present highly prosperous condition. We gladly then cover what we deem his failings, believing that he honestly held and battled for his views, the broad mantle of charity, and express the sense of loss we must feel as an Order, and inscribe his name upon the General Grand Chapter memorial roll.

"In that circle of united hands
  Is there no broken place?
Alas! one single link is out,
  One dear familiar face
Will never more on earth be seen,
  His hands will ne'er again,
Responsive to a brother's love,
  Be clasped in that bright chain.
He sleeps in death, while use the words
  Of high and hopeful love,
'Tis bliss to know we part on earth
  Only to meet above."

With faith, inspired by the teachings of Martha and Lazarus, we look trustfully forward to that time when, un-

trammeled by the clods of earth, we shall be raised soul, body and spirit into that ineffable life that awaits the chosen of God.

We recommend that memorial pages be set apart in the printed proceedings to the brothers and sisters named.

Fraternally submitted.

WILLIS D. ENGLE,
MRS. HELEN B. FARNSWORTH,
MRS. LOUISE LYON JOHNSTON.

L. Caleb Williamson moved that it was the sense of this body that the next Triennial Session he held in the city of Washington, D. C.

Mrs. Laura B. Hart moved as an amendment that "Washington, D. C.," be stricken out and "Texas" be substituted.

An invitation was received from John T. Brown, of Houston, Texas, and was read by S. D. Moore, that as mayor of that city he extended a warm welcome, assuring all who came that it was the rule with them to always "welcome the coming and speed the parting guest."

Mrs. M. Ella Espey, Worthy Matron of Martha Chapter No. 4, spoke eloquently in urging the General Grand Chapter to meet in Washington, D. C.

N. A. Gearhart moved that further consideration of this matter be indefinitely postponed, which motion prevailed.

RESOLUTION.

Mrs. Maria Jackson submitted the following resolution, which upon motion of N. A. Gearhart was adopted:

Resolved, That the time and place of meeting for the next session of the General Grand Chapter be left to the decision of the first five officers, and that they shall decide the same at least one year before the date of meeting, and the Grand Secretaries

of the various jurisdictions shall be at once notified of said decision.

MRS. MARIA JACKSON,
MRS. SARAH E. WOODS.

Joseph W. Hill moved that 2,500 copies of the proceedings of this session of the General Grand Chapter be printed, which motion prevailed.

J. H. Johnston moved that a committee of five be appointed to be known as the "Committee on Ritual," to hold through three years, to whom all matters pertaining to changes in the Ritual be submitted.

Willis D. Engle moved that the motion be laid upon the table, and the same was declared carried.

INSTALLATION.

The Most Worthy Grand Matron announced her appointments, and the following officers were installed by Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, as installing officer, with Joseph W. Hill acting as Worthy Grand Marshal:

Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, M. W. Grand Matron.
H. Harrison Hinds, M. W. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, R. W. A. Grand Matron.
Nathanial A. Gearhart, R. W. A. Grand Patron.
Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, R. W. Grand Secretary.
Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, R. W. Grand Treasurer.
Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Worthy Grand Conductress.
Mrs. Laura B. Hart, W. G. A. Conductress.
Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, V. W. Grand Chaplain.
Mrs. Olive E. McGrew, W. Grand Adah.
Mrs. Ella M. Espey, W. Grand Ruth.
Mrs. Annette M. Gorman, W. Grand Esther.
Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsh, W. Grand Martha.
Mrs. Linda J. Lowry, W. Grand Electa.
Mrs. Martha D. Ross, W. Grand Warder.

R. H. Burnham, W. Grand Sentinel.
Mrs. Nettie C. Kenner, W. Grand Organist.

THANKS.

Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews extended her grateful thanks to Mrs. Mary C. Snedden for the invitation, and privilege of installing the Officers.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden thanked the Committee of arrangement appointed by the Grand Chapter of Mass., and the Committee appointed by herself to confer with such Committee, for the many courtesies received and the arduous work done by them.

Joseph W. Hill responded in behalf of his Committee.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden moved that a rising vote of thanks be extended these Committees, which was unanimously carried.

Mrs. Mate L. Chester moved that thanks be extended to Miss Irene Snedden for her valuable assistance to the R. W. Grand Secretary during this session, which was carried.

PRESENTATIONS.

Mrs. Mary C. Snedden presented Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews with a beautiful boquet of flowers on behalf of her associates.

Mrs. Stella Van Slyke of Minnesota presented N. A. Gearhart with a boquet of flowers from his Minnesota friends, which brought forth generous words of thanks.

Mrs. Faustena A. Clapp, on behalf of Crystal Chapter, Massachusetts, presented Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing a large emblematic floral star, expressing gratitude to the General Grand Chapter for the honor bestowed upon Massachusetts, to which the sister responded in a few but well chosen words.

Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Grand Matron of Illinois, holding a handsome boquet of pink and white roses, said:

"Right Worthy Grand Secretary, in behalf of Illinois, the 'Banner State,' which takes for its light 'The Eastern Star,' I ask your acceptance of these flowers, with the assurance that the name of Lorraine J. Pitkin will remain as bright in the hearts of the members of your home State as the brightest of these beautiful flowers.

"God speed you, and may your future be as happy and prosperous as your past has been glorious and honorable."

The minutes of the morning, afternoon and evening sessions were read and approved.

Prayer was offered by Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, V. W. Grand Chaplain.

No further business appearing, the General Grand Chapter closed its Eighth Triennial Session, to hold its next meeting as provided for.

MARY E. PARTRIDGE,
M. W. Grand Matron.

H. HARRISON HINDS,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest:

Lorraine J. Pitkin

R. W. Grand Secretary.

[illegible] Grand Matron of Illinois [illegible] quet of pink and white roses [illegible]

[illegible] Grand Secretary, in behalf of [illegible] which [illegible] for its light. The Eastern [illegible] of these flowers, [illegible] Lorraine J. Pitkin [illegible] the members of [illegible] State as [illegible] flowers.

[illegible] may your future [illegible] as your past [illegible] being [illegible] and honorable."

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Prayer was offered by Mrs. Sarah J. Clark, M. W. Grand Chaplain.

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GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR ORGANIZED NOV. 6, 1876

MARY E. PARTRIDGE,
M. W. Grand Matron.

H. HARRISON HINDS,
M. W. Grand Patron.

Attest.

Lorraine J. Pitkin,
R. W. Grand Secretary.

MRS. MARY E. PARTRIGDE.

OAKLAND, CAL.

Most Worthy Grand Matron.

MRS. MARY C. SNEDDEN.

ST. LOUIS, MO.

Most Worthy Grand Matron, 1892-1895.

BOSTON

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JAMES R. DONNELL.

CONWAY, ARK.

Most Worthy Grand Patron, 1892-1895.

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CHAPTERS

UNDER THE IMMEDIATE JURISDICTION OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ALABAMA.

Charity Chapter No. 1, Burleson.
Corona Chapter No. 2, Corona.

ARIZONA.

Golden Rule Chapter No. 1, Prescott.

FLORIDA.

Electa Chapter No. 1, Green Cove Springs.
Magnolia Chapter No. 2, Palatka.
Tropical Chapter No. 3, Barton.
Iverness Chapter No. 4, Iverness.

GEORGIA.

Lithonia Chapter No. 1, Lithonia.
Queen Esther Chapter No. 2, Trion Factory.

IDAHO.

Hugh Duncan Chapter No. 2, Salmon City.
Ruth Chapter No. 3, Poctello.
Naomi Chapter No. 4, Albion.
Mizpah Chapter No. 6, Idaho City.
Mountain Gem Chapter No. 7, Lewiston.
Adah Chapter No. 8, Boise City.
Ruby Chapter No. 9, Moscow.
Shoshone Chapter No. 10, Wallace.

KENTUCKY.

Union Chapter No. 2, De Koven.
Hanks Chapter No. 3, Campton.
Swango Chapter No. 4, Hazel Green.
Golden Rule Chapter No. 5, London.
Adah Chapter No. 6, Ezel.
Marion Chapter No. 7, Marion.
Mt. Vernon Chapter No. 8, Mt. Vernon.
Dora Chapter No. 9, Dayton.
Electa Chapter No. 10, Greenup.
Ithiel Chapter No. 11, Middleburg.

LOUISIANA.

Rebecca Chapter No. 2, Welsh.
Robertsville Chapter No. 3, Robertsville.
Mount Carmel Chapter No. 4, Mount Carmel.
St. Joseph Chapter No. 5, St. Joseph.
Louise L. McGuire Chapter No. 6, Monroe.
Alice Chapter No. 7, Morgan City.
Lorraine Chapter No. 8, Opelousas.
Harmony Chapter No. 9, Coushatta.
Evangeline Chapter No. 10, Farmerville.
De Soto Chapter No. 11, Logansport.
Electa Chapter No. 12, Franklin.

MARYLAND.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Baltimore.
Maryland Chapter No. 2, Baltimore.

MISSISSIPPI.

Brookhaven Chapter No. 1, Brookhaven.

NEW MEXICO.

Queen Esther Chapter No. 1, Raton.
Ransford Chapter No. 2, Las Vegas.
Silver City Chapter No. 3, Silver City.

Georgetown Chapter No. 4, Georgetown.
Adah Chapter No. 5, Albuquerque.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Centre Grove Chapter No. 1, Centre Grove.

UTAH.

Lynds Chapter No. 1, Salt Lake City.
Mountain Chapter No. 2, Park City.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Miriam Chapter No. 1, Wheeling.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Gate City Chapter No. 1, Florence.

TENNESSEE.

East Nashville Chapter No. 1, Nashville.
Chattanooga Chapter No. 2, Chattanooga.
McKinnon Chapter No. 3, McKinnon.
Wayland Springs Chapter No. 4, Wayland Springs.

WYOMING.

Alpha Chapter No. 1, Laramie.
Naomi Chapter No. 2, Sheridan.
Olivet Chapter No. 3, Lander.
Fort Casper Chapter No. 4, Casper.
Electa Chapter No. 5, Sundance.

WSHINGTON.

Ruth Chapter No. 1, Washington.
Electa Chapter No. 2, Anacostia.
Naomi Chapter No. 3, Washington.
Martha Chapter No. 4, Washington.

Chapters released and organized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron between July 15 and August 31, 1895, make up the discrepancies as per page 105.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

ARKANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mattie C. DeVaughan, Waldo.
Grand Patron, J. F. Hopkins, Mabelvale.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Hettie Penn, Harrison.

CALIFORNIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Augusta D. Wilson, West Oakland.
Grand Patron, Thomas Flint Jr., San Juan.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Kate J. Willats, San Francisco.

COLORADO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary Potter, Colorado City.
Grand Patron, Jethro C. Sanford, Durango.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Eliza S. Cohen, Colorado Springs.

ILLINOIS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mate L. Chester, Chicago.
Grand Patron, G. A Edwards, Windsor.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sophia C. Scott, Mattoon.

INDIANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Olive E. McGrew, West Indianapolis.
Grand Patron, A. W. Hempleman, Richmond.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indianapolis.

INDIAN TERRITORY.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary M. Rogers, Atoka.
Grand Patron, Leo E. Bennett, Muscogee.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Carrie M. Perkins, Guthrie.

IOWA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah E. Woods, Mt. Pleasant.
Grand Patron, Eugene B. Dyke, Charles City.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maria Jackson, Council Bluffs.

KANSAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Helen B. Farnsworth, Topeka.
Grand Patron, J. A. Regnell, McPhearson.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Myra Mottram, Ottowa.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Carrie S. Fairbairn, East Cambridge.
Grand Patron, Warren M. King, Orange.
Grand Secretary, Daniel Seagrave, Worcester.

MICHIGAN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Louisa A. Turck, Alma.
Grand Patron, Allen S. Wright, Ionia.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. A. Matteson, Middleville.

MINNESOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Louise Lyon Johnson, Minneapolis.
Grand Patron, Charles D. Boyce, Minneapolis.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ida M. Wing, Minneapolis.

MISSOURI.

Grand Matron, Sue M. Tuttle, Moberly.
Grand Patron, W. H. Wakefield, Kansas City.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sallie E Dillon, St. Louis.

MONTANA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice A. Stedman, Helena.
Grand Patron, Isaac W. Baker, Livingston.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Elva Boardman, Butte.

MAINE.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Jennie Stewart, Rockland.
Grand Patron, R. H. Burnham, Rockland.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Annette H. Hooper, Biddeford.

NEBRASKA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Angeline Whitmarsch, Omaha.
Grand Patron, Rev. A. G. Pinkham, Grand Island.
Grand Secretary, Eleanor Daily, M. D., Omaha.

NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Jane D. Davis, Rochester.
Grand Patron, Fred P. Knox, Laconia.
Grand Secretary, J. Sullivan Chase, Colebrook.

NORTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Sarah E. Topping, Grand Forks.
Grand Patron, Leonard Rose, Fargo.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Nannie R. Briggs, Bismarck.

OHIO.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Linda J. Lowry, Ada.
Grand Patron, W. W. Hathaway, Cleveland.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Ella B. Shearer, Marysville.

OREGON.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Margarett E. Kellogg, Portland.
Grand Patron, J. H. Bridgeford, Bay City.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Madeleine B. Conkling, Roseburg.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Annette Gorman, Pittston.
Grand Patron, Phillip C. Shaffer, Philadelphia.
Grand Secretary, George W. Gleason, M. D., Susquehanna.

RHODE ISLAND.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Emogene Williams, Providence.
Grand Patron, S. Penrose Williams, Providence.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Hattie E. Davis, Providence.

SOUTH DAKOTA.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Hettie Downie, Milbank.
Grand Patron, John Banks, Huron.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. A. M. McCallister, Madison.

TEXAS.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Rachel M. Swaim, Kirk.
Grand Patron, D. Ludlow, San Antonia.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Big Springs.

WASHINGTON.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Alice M. Taylor, Seattle.
Grand Patron, G. D. Shaver, Tacoma.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Libbie J. Demorest, Tacoma.

WISCONSIN.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Martha D. Ross, Columbus.
Grand Patron, J. H. Evans, Platteville.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Helen M. Laflin, Milwaukee.

GRAND CHAPTERS.

INDEPENDENT.

CONNECTICUT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Mary C. A. Perkins, Bristol.
Grand Patron, William M. Gage, New Haven.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Sarah U. Wright, New Haven.

NEW JERSEY.

Grand Matron, Miss Minnie M. Heller, Jersey City.
Grand Patron, Albert Sault, Jersey City.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Mary Martin, Paterson.

NEW YORK.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Jessie M. Ray, Rochester.
Grand Patron, James E. Batsford, Waterloo.
Grand Secretary, Mrs. Christina Buttrick, New York.

VERMONT.

Grand Matron, Mrs. Eugene M. Pettee, Brattleboro.
Grand Patron, G. W. Wing, Montpelier.
Grand Secretary, H. L. Stillson, Bennington.

TABLE OF STATISTICS OF GRAND CHAPTERS

WHO ARE CONSTITUENT MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

GRAND CHAPTERS.	ORGANIZED.	MONTH OF MEETING.	ACTIVE CHAPTERS.	ACTIVE MEMBERS.
Arkansas	October 2, 1876	November	106	3,656
California	May 8, 1873	October	111	7,428
Colorado	June 6, 1892	June	21	1,356
Illinois	November 6, 1875	October	268	14,483
Indiana	May 6, 1874	April	126	7,675
Indian Territory	July 11, 1889	August	30	1,000
Iowa	July 30, 1878	October	148	7,500
Kansas	October 18, 1878	May	150	7,776
Massachusetts	December 11, 1876	May	42	4,557
Maine	August 24, 1892	September	29	1,212
Michigan	October 31, 1867	October	91	7,990
Minnesota	October 18, 1878	May	90	5,289
Missouri	October 13, 1875	October	105	5,471
Montana	September 25, 1890	October	16	1,114
Nebraska	June 22, 1875	June	92	3,706
New Hampshire	May 12, 1891	September	19	1,200
North Dakota	June 14, 1894	June	20	882
Ohio	July 28, 1889	October	50	2,481
Oregon	October 3, 1889	June	24	1,426
Pennsylvania	November 21, 1894	November	5	600
Rhode Island	August 22, 1895	October	5	557
South Dakota	July 10, 1889	May	23	1,620
Texas	May 5, 1884	October	90	3,513
Washington	June 12, 1889	June	34	1,815
Wisconsin	February 19, 1891	February	67	3,850
			1,772	98,157

General Grand Chapter, Organized November 16, 1876; Active Chapters, 64; Total Membership, 3,073.

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Connecticut	August 11, 1874	October	31	2,370
New Jersey	July 18, 1870	September	14	876
New York	November 3, 1870	June	108	4,478
Vermont	November 12, 1873	June	35	1,734
			188	9,458

Elective Officers of the General Grand Chapter Since its Organization.

	MOST WORTHY GRAND MATRON.	MOST WORTHY GRAND PATRON.
1876.	Mrs. Elizabeth Butler, Illinois.	Rev. John D. Vincil, Missouri.
1878.	Mrs. Elmira Foley, Missouri.	*Thomas M. Lamb, Massachusetts.
1880.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.	Willis Brown, Kansas.
1883.	Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa.	Rollin C. Gaskill, California.
1886.	Mrs. Mary A. Flint, California.	Jefferson S. Conover, Michigan.
1889.	Mrs. Nettie Ransford, Indiana.	Benjamin Lynds, Missouri.
1892.	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas.	James R. Donnell, Arkansas.
1895.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California.	H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan.
	R. W. ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON.	**R. W. ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.**
1876.	Mrs. Mary A. Comstock, Indiana.	*Jeremiah E. Whitcher, California.
1878.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois,	Willis Brown, Kansas.
1880.	Mrs. Ada A. Libbey, California.	David B. Purington, Michigan.
1883.	*Mrs. Lucinda Smith, New Jersey.	B. R. Rose, Michigan.
1886.	Mrs. Mary E. Mount, Nebraska.	Benjamin Lynds, Missouri.
1889.	Mrs. Mary C. Snedden, Kansas.	James R. Donnell, Arkansas,
1892.	Mrs. Mary E. Partridge, California.	H. Harrison Hinds, Michigan.
1895.	Mrs. Hattie E. Ewing, Massachusetts.	N. A. Gearhart, Minnesota
	RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.	**RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.**
1876.	Willis D. Engle, Indiana.	John M. Mayhew, New Jersey.
1878.	Willis D. Engle, Indiana.	John M. Mayhew, New Jersey.
1880.	Willis D. Engle, Indiana.	Mrs. Jennie E. Mathews, Iowa.
1883.	Willis D. Engle, Indiana.	John R. Parson, Missouri.
1886.	Willis D. Engle, Indiana.	John R. Parson, Missouri.
1889.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois,	Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa.
1892.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.	Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa.
1895.	Mrs. Lorraine J. Pitkin, Illinois.	Mrs. Harriette A. Ercanbrack, Iowa.
	WORTHY GRAND CONDUCTRESS.	**W. G. ASSOCIATE CONDUCTRESS.**
1895.	Mrs. Edna L. Hedges, Montana.	Mrs. Laura B. Hart, Texas.

* Deceased.

In Memoriam.

Robert Macoy

Co-Worker with Robert Morris in building up and perfecting the

Order of the Eastern Star

Born October 4, 1816.
Died January 9, 1895.

**"When such men as he die
Their places ye may not well supply;
Though ye may among the thousands try
With vain endeavor."**

**"The world may sound no trumpets, ring no bells,
The Book of Life the shining record tells.**

In Memoriam.

Rev. Henry A. Guild

PAST GRAND PATRON

...Order Eastern Star...

OF NEBRASKA,

And Grand Secretary 1885-1895.

Born in Little Falls, N. Y., March 26, 1827.
Died in Lincoln, Neb., June 29, 1895.

"He is not dead to us, he can not die,
His memory so with ours being blent;
Although ascended to the loftiest sky,
His soul with ours has still communion lent."

In Memoriam.

Frances R. Martin

Grand Secretary of Connecticut

1885-1892.

Died December 20th, 1893.

"We follow fast, we follow far, we follow while we live,
We never cease, through weariness, the Worship that we give;
We only crave to find at last, beyond the shadows dim,
Our rest and our salvation in the babe of Bethlehem.

Then gleam, O star, forever.
And lead us up to God."

—Robert Morris.

In Memoriam.

Gustabus A. Colton

Past Grand Patron of Kansas

...AND...

Past Worthy Patron

OF

Perfection Chapter No. 21, Paola.

Born in Woodstock, Vt., Oct. 26, 1829.

Died in Kansas City, July 26, 1894.

**"The soft memory of his virtues yet
Lingers like twilight hues when the bright
sun is set."**

In Memoriam.

Joseph A. Manning

GRAND PATRON

OF THE

...Order Eastern Star...

OF INDIANA,

AT THE TIME OF HIS DEATH.

Born July 14, 1844. Died October 26, 1894.

"We can not say, we will not say
That he is dead, he is just away;
With a cheery smile and a wave of the hand,
He has wandered into the better land."

In Memoriam.

Charlotte Morris

Wife of our Founder, Robert Morris.

Died at La Grange, Kentucky, August 16, 1893.

**"So star by star declines
Till all are passed away
Nor sink these stars in empty night,
But hide themselves in heaven's own light."**

In Memoriam.

Robert Van Valzah

PAST GRAND PATRON

...Order Eastern Star...

OF INDIANA.

Born April 9, 1843. Died October 23. 1892.

"After life's fitful dream he sleeps."

CONSTITUTION

OF THE

General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star.

AS AMENDED AUGUST, 1895.

ARTICLE I.

NAME.

SECTION 1. The title of this organization shall be "The General Grand Chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star."

SEAL.

SEC. 2. It shall have a seal bearing such design and inscription as may hereafter be determined, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

ARTICLE II.

OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The officers of the General Grand Chapter shall be:

Most Worthy Grand Matron.
Most Worthy Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron.
Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron.
Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
Very Worthy Grand Chaplain.
Worthy Grand Conductress.
Worthy Grand Associate Conductress.
Worthy Grand Adah.
Worthy Grand Ruth.
Worthy Grand Esther.
Worthy Grand Martha.
Worthy Grand Electa.
Worthy Grand Warder.
Worthy Grand Sentinel.
Worthy Grand Marshal.

MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 2. The membership of this General Grand Chapter shall consist of the foregoing officers, the delegates present at and participating in its organization, all Grand Matrons, Grand Patrons, Associate Grand Matrons, Associate Grand Patrons, or their legally appointed proxies, of Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction, and one delegate or a legally appointed proxy from each subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues, in states and territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, and all Past Grand Matrons and Past Grand Patrons of the several Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 3. Each officer and member of this General Grand Chapter must be an active member of some subordinate Chapter, owning allegiance to a Grand Chapter under its jurisdiction, or under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter. With the loss of such membership shall cease his or her office, and membership in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. A proxy must be a member of the Order in good standing, in some legally constituted Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, whose officer or officers he or she represents, and must be a member of such Grand Chapter, or a member of the Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in a state or territory where no Grand Chapter exists, which he or she represents.

SEC. 5. The only persons entitled to appoint proxies to represent them in the General Grand Chapter are the Grand Matron, Grand Patron, Associate Grand Matron and Associate Grand Patron, and delegates from Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter in states or territories where less than five Chapters exist.

ARTICLE III.

OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall possess no other power than is expressly delegated to it. It can exercise no doubtful authority or power, by implication merely. All Eastern Star authority not hereby granted to it is reserved to the Grand Chapters, Subordinate Chapters and their members individually.

SEC. 2. It shall have and maintain exclusive jurisdiction for the organization and government of Chapters in all states and other territories where no Grand Chapter exists, and may grant charters for the formation of new Chapters, and for cause may revoke and annul the same until such Grand Chapter shall be legally organized therein and recognized by the Most Worthy Grand Patron or General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. It shall have no power to dissolve or disband any Grand Chapter, but may, for good and sufficient reasons, suspend or terminate the relations existing between it and any of its constituent Grand Chapters, but by such action it shall acquire no right to organize Chapters, nor jurisdiction over Chapters

already organized in the territory of such Grand Chapter until that Grand Chapter shall have ceased to exist.

SEC. 4. It shall have power to decide all questions of Eastern Star law, usage and custom which may arise between any two or more Grand Chapters, or in any subordinate Chapter under its own immediate jurisdiction; and all that may be referred to it for its decision by any Grand Chapter, and its decision so made shall be regarded as of the Supreme tribunal of the Eastern Star in the last resort.

SEC. 5. It shall be the judge of the qualifications of its own members.

SEC. 6. It shall adopt and prescribe a uniform Ritual of work and Signet and formula for installation of its own officers, as well as the officers of Grand and Subordinate Chapters.

SEC. 7. All amendments, alterations or additions to the Ritual that shall be promulgated by this General Grand Chapter must be submitted in writing at a stated meeting, when, if approved by a majority of the members present, shall lie over until the next stated meeting, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote, shall become a part of the same.

ARTICLE IV.

OF STATED MEETINGS.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall meet every third year, at such time and place as the first five officers, acting as a committee, shall determine, due notice of the same being given to the Order, but may meet oftener if it so orders, at such time and place as shall be fixed upon at its previous meeting.

OF SPECIAL MEETINGS.

SEC. 2. Special meetings may be called by the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron, in which case the Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give each member at least sixty days' notice thereof.

OF A QUORUM.

SEC. 3. Representatives from a majority of the Grand Chapters under its jurisdiction shall be necessary for a quorum to transact business.

ARTICLE V.

OF ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, Right Worthy Grand Secretary, Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, Worthy Grand Conductress, Worthy Grand Associate Conductress, shall be elected by ballot at each stated meeting, and shall hold their offices until their successors shall have been elected and installed.

Provided, that no one shall be eligible to these offices, unless they shall have served as Grand Matron, or Grand Patron of a Grand Chapter.

SEC. 2. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for an election.

SEC. 3. All the other officers who are Sisters, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and all who are Brothers, shall be appointed by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, at the time of their installation.

SEC. 4. Vacancies that may occur, except in the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron, and Most Worthy Grand Patron, shall be filled by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, or Most Worthy Grand Patron, as the occasion may require.

ARTICLE VI.

OF VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. Each officer present, whether elected or appointed, who shall have been installed, and each Past Most Worthy Grand Matron, Past Most Worthy Grand Patron,

Past Grand Matron and Past Grand Patron present shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Chapter represented shall be entitled to four votes: the Grand Matron, the Grand Patron, the Associate Grand Matron, and the Associate Grand Patron, or their proxies, one vote each. And each subordinate Chapter under the immediate Jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, not in arrears for dues to this General Grand Chapter, in States and Territories where less than five subordinate Chapters exist, be entitled to one vote in this General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. If a Grand Chapter shall be represented by a sister and a brother, each shall have two votes. If by only one person, that person shall cast the four votes to which said Grand Chapter is entitled; if by one sister and two brothers, the sister shall cast two votes, and the brethren one vote each; and if by one brother and two sisters, the brother shall cast two votes, and the sisters one vote each.

ARTICLE VII.

OF REVENUE.

SECTION 1. The General Grand Chapter shall receive for each charter, to form a new chapter where there is no Grand Chapter, the sum of twenty dollars, which shall include three copies of the Ritual and one Signet.

SEC. 2. The General Grand Chapter shall levy such contributions upon the several Grand Chapters under its immediate jurisdiction as in its judgment shall require, which shall always be uniform in proportion to membership, and which shall not exceed two cents per annum for each paying member.

SEC. 3. Every subordinate Chapter under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall pay annually to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, twenty-five cents for each and every member belonging to it, on the 31st day of December of each year, except Chapters chartered during recess,

which shall pay dues for the year in proportion to time organized, and Grand Chapters organized must pay dues in proportion to date of organization, and no chapter or Grand Chapter shall be entitled to representation in the General Grand Chapter until such dues are paid.

ARTICLE VIII.

OF DUTIES OF OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall preside in all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, but may call to the chair at her pleasure the Most Worthy Grand Patron.

SEC. 2. In the absence of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Right Worthy Assosiate Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall call the General Grand Chapter to order and appoint some Past Grand Matron to act as Most Worthy Grand Matron *pro tem.*

SEC. 3. The Most Worthy Grand Matron and the Most Worthy Grand Patron shall present at each stated meeting a written address, setting forth their official acts, and recommending such legislation as they may deem necessary or expedient for the general welfare of the Order.

SEC. 4. The Most Worthy Grand Patron shall have power to grant charters, to form new Chapters, as indicated in Section 2, Article III.

SEC. 5. During the interval between the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall exercise all its executive powers, except so far as relates to the chartering and organization of new Chapters and recognition of Grand Chapters, which shall be the duty of the Most Worthy Grand Patron, and all official acts and decisions of the Most Worthy Grand Matron, shall be in force and binding until the next session of the General Grand Chapter, when, if not confirmed by that body, they shall cease to be in force and become void.

ARTICLE IX.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND MATRON AND RIGHT WORTHY ASSOCIATE GRAND PATRON.

It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron, and the Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, to assist the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron in their duties at all meetings of the General Grand Chapter, and in their absence to assume their stations, and in the event of a vacancy by death, resignation, or from any cause whatever, in the office of Most Worthy Grand Matron or Most Worthy Grand Patron, then, and in that case, the Right Worthy Associate Grand Matron or Right Worthy Associate Grand Patron, as the case may be, shall succeed to all the powers and duties appertaining to said offices respectively.

SEC. 2. The actual traveling expenses of the Most Worthy Grand Matron and Most Worthy Grand Patron when on necessary official business or in attendance at the Sessions of the General Grand Chapter, shall be paid by this General Grand Chapter upon the presentation of proper vouchers, but shall not apply to the expenses of said officers in visiting the several Grand Chapters.

ARTICLE X.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary:

First—To record all the transactions of the General Grand Chapter, which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof, under such instructions as may be given by the General Grand Chapter.

Second—To receive, duly file and safely keep all papers and addresses belonging to the General Grand Chapter, and to present such as may require its action, at each session thereof.

Third—To keep the seal of the General Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his or her attestation to all instruments emanating from that body.

Fourth—To collect all moneys due the General Grand Chapter, keep a correct account thereof in proper books, and pay the same over immediately to the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.

Fifth—To report at each stated meeting a detailed account of all moneys received during the time since the last report; also, of all other official acts.

Sixth—To conduct the correspondence of the General Grand Chapter.

Seventh—To attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter with all the necessary books and papers appertaining to the office.

Eighth—To act as the financial agent in the purchase and sale of the Ritual, Signets, Blanks, and such other articles from which the General Grand Chapter derives its revenue.

SEC. 2. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 3. The Right Worthy Grand Secretary shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, Most Worthy Grand Patron before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XI.

OF THE RIGHT WORTHY GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer to receive all moneys belonging to the General Grand Chapter from the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, to give receipts therefor, and to keep in a proper book a just account thereof.

SEC. 2 To pay all orders drawn upon such funds by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and countersigned by the Right

Worthy Grand Secretary, under such regulations as may be provided by the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. To attend all the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and to report at each stated meeting a detailed account of the receipts and disbursements, with proper vouchers for the latter, and at the end of the term of his or her office to pay over and transfer to his or her successor all funds or property of the General Grand Chapter which may be in his or her keeping.

SEC. 4. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall receive such compensation as the General Grand Chapter shall direct.

SEC. 5. The Right Worthy Grand Treasurer shall give a good and lawful bond to the sum of $5,000, said bond to be approved by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, the Most Worthy Grand Patron, before the transfer is made to the same, and retained by the Most Worthy Grand Matron.

ARTICLE XII.

OF OTHER OFFICERS.

SECTION 1. The Very Worthy Grand Chaplain shall attend the sessions of the General Grand Chapter, and conduct such religious exercises as may be ordered by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

SEC. 2. The Worthy Grand Marshal shall proclaim the Grand Officers at their installation; introduce distinguished visitors, and conduct the processions of the General Grand Chapter, and perform such other duties proper to the office as may be required.

SEC. 3. The other officers shall perform such duties as may be required of them by the General Grand Chapter, or its presiding officer.

ARTICLE XIII.

OF THE FORMATION AND JURISDICTION OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Whenever there shall be five or more legally chartered Chapters regularly working in any State, country,

district, republic or territory, a Grand Chapter may be established so soon as convenience and propriety may dictate.

SEC. 2. When there be a sufficient number of subordinate Chapters from which to form a Grand Chapter, the call shall be made by the Most Worthy Grand Patron, signed by the Most Worthy Grand Matron, and attested by the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.

SEC. 3. The said Grand Chapter shall make such rules and regulations for its government as may be necessary, not inconsistent with the regulations of the General Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. No person shall be permitted to take a seat in any Grand Chapter as the representative of more than one Chapter, nor unless he is a member of some subordinate Chapter in that jurisdiction; nor shall any person be a member of more than one subordinate Chapter.

ARTICLE XIV.

OF ANNUAL REPORTS.

SECTION 1. Each Grand Chapter shall send to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary, on or before the first day of March of each year, an abstract of the reports of its subordinates for the year ending December thirty-first next preceding. These reports shall include the names and postoffice address of the Grand Officers elected, appointed and installed; the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled, and died; and the number of members remaining in all the subordinates under its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Any Grand Chapter under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter failing to make an annual report as prescribed in Section 1, and pay the contributions levied by the General Grand Chapter, for more than two years, without furnishing satisfactory reasons to the General Grand Chapter, shall forfeit its right of representation in the General Grand Chapter, at the discretion of the General Grand Chapter, and it is made

the duty of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary to report such delinquencies to the General Grand Chapter.

ARTICLE XV.

OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Chapters may be organized under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, wherever there is no Grand Chapter, upon proper application; *provided*, no new Chapter shall be formed in any town where one or more Chapters exist, except upon the recommendation of the Chapters already organized in said town.

SEC. 2. The Most Worthy Grand Patron has power to delegate authority to confer the degrees at sight upon a sufficient number of worthy persons in towns under the direct jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, where no Chapter exists, for the purpose of organizing a Chapter.

SEC. 3. Chapters organized as provided by Section 1, of this Article, shall make annual returns to the General Grand Chapter of the number initiated, affiliated, withdrawn, suspended, expelled and died during the year, and the number of remaining members.

ARTICLE XVI.

OF STANDING COMMITTEES.

SECTION 1. The Most Worthy Grand Matron shall appoint from the members of the General Grand Chapter, ninety days before a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the following Standing Committees, of three members each, the first named to be chairman, and such committees shall continue until the close of the succeeding session thereof; within ten days after making such appointment the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall furnish the Right Worthy Grand Secretary with the names of the members of such committees.

1. On Credentials.
2. On Finance, Ways and Means.
3. On Unfinished Business.
4. On Jurisprudence.
5. On Appeals and Grievances.
6. On Charters.

The Standing Committees of the General Grand Chapter shall perform and discharge the following specific duties, to-wit:

CREDENTIALS.

First.—The Committee on Credentials shall report the name of each representative and proxy present, with the name of the Subordinate, and Grand Chapter represented.

FINANCE, WAYS AND MEANS.

Second.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Finance, Ways and Means, to examine the books and vouchers of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, balance the same, and report the actual state and condition of the funds of the General Grand Chapter, and also to take in consideration all propositions and resolutions affecting its revenue, which may be offered; they shall specifically report thereon, and may recommend any measures which, in their opinion, will be for the benefit, financially, of the General Grand Chapter.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

Third.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Unfinished Business to examine the journal of the previous meeting and report all matters then pendig and undertermined.

JURISPRUDENCE.

Fourth.—The Committee on Jurisprudence shall carefully examine all propositions to revise, alter or amend the Constitution, By-Laws and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as all questions of law and usage, and make report thereon in writing to the General Grand Chapter.

APPEALS AND GRIEVANCES.

Fifth.—It shall be the duty of the Committee on Appeals and Grievances to examine all matters of controversy and grievance, when presented to them, to report with such recommendations for the action of the General Grand Chapter as they may deem proper.

CHARTERS.

Sixth.—The Committee on Charters shall examine the returns of Grand Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and their By-Laws when submitted to them, and shall note all improper, informal or illegal proceedings, and report the same to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations. They shall also examine the work, records and By-Laws of all Chapters organized since the previous stated meeting, and the proceedings of the General Grand Officers granting the same, note all matters that are improper or unconstitutional, and report to the General Grand Chapter, with their recommendations.

ARTICLE XVII.

AMENDMENTS.

All amendments to this Constitution must be submitted in writing on the first day of a stated meeting, and be referred to and reported on by the Committee on Jurisprudence, when, if adopted by a two-thirds vote they shall become a part of this Constitution.

RULES OF ORDER

FOR CONDUCTING THE BUSINESS OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

I. At a stated meeting of the General Grand Chapter, the Most Worthy Grand Matron shall take the chair at 10 o'clock A. M., and if there are a constitutional number of Grand Chapters represented, see that the General Grand Officers are in their stations, fill vacancies *pro tem.* and open the General Grand Chapter in ample form.

II. After the General Grand Chapter is opened, the officers, members and visitors shall conduct themselves with that order and decorum which the dignity of the institution requires; they shall pay due respect to the presiding officer, to whose commands they shall be attentive and obedient. No person shall be permitted to enter or leave the General Grand Chapter without permission of the presiding officer.

III. The business of the General Grand Chapter shall be disposed of as follows, viz.:

1. Reading Minutes of Previous Meeting.
2. Filling of Vacancies in Standing Committees.
3. Report of Committee on Credentials.
4. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Matron.
5. Address of the Most Worthy Grand Patron.
6. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Secretary.
7. Report of the Right Worthy Grand Treasurer.
8. Reports of Standing Committees.
9. Reports of Special Committees.
10. Election of Grand Officers.
11. Unfinished Business.
12. Miscellaneous Business.
13. Installation of Grand Officers.

IV. All motions and resolutions shall be reduced to writing, with the name of the mover endorsed thereon, and presented to the Right Worthy Grand Secretary and read, when, upon being seconded, they shall be submitted for the consideration and decision of the General Grand Chapter.

V. All business and reports must be disposed of before the session of the General Grand Chapter is closed, except such as lie over by virtue of the constitution, or by unanimous consent of the General Grand Chapter.

VI. All reports of officers and committees shall be in writing, and signed, if by a committee, by at least a majority of its members.

VII. No member shall speak more than twice upon the same question without permission of the presiding officer or of the General Grand Chapter.

VIII. All questions shall be decided by hand vote, unless three members shall request a decision by ballot or roll-call. When voting by hand vote, each member shall be entitled to but one vote, and a majority shall decide, except as otherwise provided. When voting by ballot or roll-call, each member shall be entitled to the full number of votes accorded to each member by the constitution.

IX. No motion or resolution involving the expenditure of money, shall be adopted until the same shall have been reported upon by the Committee on Finance.

X. Motions to lay on the table, to reconsider, to refer to committee, for the order of the day, for the previous question, to call off, and to close, shall be decided without debate.

XI. All motions shall be seconded, and stated by the presiding officer before they shall be open for debate or action, and in filling blanks the largest sum or the longest time shall be voted on first. A majority vote shall determine all questions, except as otherwise specifically provided.

XII. Any member persisting in the violation of these Rules of Order, after being called to order by the presiding

officer, may be reprimanded, suspended, or expelled from the General Grand Chapter, at its discretion.

XIII. Parliamentary law not in conflict with the foregoing regulations shall govern the deliberations of the General Grand Chapter.

XIV. These regulations shall not be suspended except by unanimous consent, but may be amended at any stated meeting by a two-thirds vote.

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